

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 19, 2026, 4:30pm 4388 W M-72 HWY, Grayling**

The meeting was called to order at 4:33pm by Karl Schreiner.

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Karl Schreiner, Sandra Moore, Cheryl Wolkens, Mark Ostahowski, Sandy Woods, and Shannon Sorenson.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Tompson absent.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian McLaughlin, Lorelei King, Scott Ulery, 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 Moore to approve the agenda for May 19, 2026, supported by Ostrowski. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Sorenson, to approve the minutes dated March 17, 2026, supported by Woods. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

Thompson arrived at 4:40

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Discussed the financial report. Discussed the Senior Gazette. The price keeps increasing. McLaughlin brought other newspapers from LPI. It is in full color. They would take over the selling of advertising. We would still do the layout, and they would do the rest. Discussed the font size.

Motion by Sorenson, to accept and file the financial report dated April 30, 2026, supported by Moore. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thompson received correspondence from Tim Swope on the progress of the pickle ball courts. McLaughlin responded to him and will forward it to Thompson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**REPORTS:**

- A. Northeast Michigan Regional Council on Aging – Scott Ulery  
Ulery stated that they had the meeting yesterday. They have a program to help pay for city water. There are funds available to help pay for that. Ulery will bring in a flyer. They also discussed the Senior Project Fresh. One problem is that the farmers markets do not want to invest in technology to accept the cards.
  
- B. Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MSAC) – Lorelei King  
King sent in flyers that were in the board packet. King stated that we had the best turnout for Michiganians Day, we had 25 people from the area attend. They presented 513 letters, and that does

not count the ones that were done online. They applied for a Rural Health Transformation grant for \$500,000 over 5 years. It goes for care closer to home. State budget nothing is moving right now.

C. Directors Report

Discussed the Directors Report.

Ostahowski talked about

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- D. Foundation Discussion: Wayne Koppa had a person interested in giving the Commission on Aging \$10,000. The COA does not need a 501 c 3 status, but it is nice to have one to appease everyone. There are 3 options. One, get a 501 c 3. Second, an agency foundation account. Third option is person starts his own designated foundation account. Koppa feels the COA should go ahead and file for a 501 c 3. Donations are never spent, only the earnings. Moore asked why do you want it with the Alpena, why don't we do it? They already have a foundation set up. They keep you out of trouble with the IRS. Ostahowski stated that Patrick from the foundation in Alpena came and talked to us.

Gribb and McLaughlin started the paperwork for a 501 c 3 c. McLaughlin stated that he feels a little bit over his head the more he gets into it. You are creating a separate entity and have a board and by-laws. McLaughlin stated that the non-profit with the state is done. Gribb stated that we would need to get a board of directors, and you need to turn in those names. Thompson stated that you would want at least five members. Woods asked if we had two separate boards, but the same group of people, could we have the COA meeting, then have the foundation meeting following.

Koppa stated that they only meet once a year. 501 c 3 is only required to meet once a year.

Woods stated that she works with another event, and we did a 501 c 3 done a few years ago. It was a process to get started. It is easier to ask for donations with the 501 c 3. It is really a good idea to get it. One other thing, I am on the board for Kirtland Foundation, we have to request funding, and there are fees. If we can make it work internally, then I would do it that way.

Motion by Ostahowski, to get a 501 c 3 for the Friends of the Crawford Commission on Aging and the present board will serve on the 501 c 3 board, supported by Wolken. Motion withdrawn by Ostahowski and supported by Wolken.

Motion by Thompson, to make a statement of intent to make a 501 c 3 for fundraising efforts of the COA and for further review, supported by Moore. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

Funnell stated that there may be a conflict of interest. Sorenson stated that one would be tax based and one is a donation. Gribb stated that he had a board, and he had different people aroundn the community on that board. They were not all related.

E. Agency Endowment Fund – Wayne Koppa

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Tax Aide

Ron Gribb discussed the Tax Aide program with AARP with a lot of support. This year they served 74 clients. 69 were over 60. 10 outside of Crawford County. 9 participants taxes were not processed based on the type of returns. The tax program had state and federal refunds of \$54,834. If clients paid for services, it would have cost \$15,700. The program returned over \$70,000 to the community. Ron presented a plaque to Schreiner.

B. Budget Amendments

Discussed the two grants for the budget amendments.

Motion made by Ostahowski, to approve the budget amendment dated 4-30-25, supported by Sorenson. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

C. Governance Calendar – Evaluate Ends

Motion made by Moore, to receive and file the Crawford County Commission on Aging Measurement of Ends fiscal year 25-26 Mid-Year, supported by Woods. Ayes (7) seven, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Woods, Secretary

Recorded by Lynn Cheney