

Regular Board Meeting
July 21, 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, Sandra Moore, Jason Thompson, Mark Ostahowski, Sandy Woods, and Shannon Sorenson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheryl Wolkens absent with notice.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Brian McLaughlin, Lorelei King, Glenn King, Katrina Rogers, Lenard Nemeth, John Welt, 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 July 21, 2026, with the addition of the AAA General and In-Home assessment under correspondence, supported by Woods. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by Sorenson, to approve the minutes dated May 19, 2026, supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Discussed the financial report.

Motion by Moore, to accept and file the financial report dated June 30, 2026, supported by Woods. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Commander Nemeth with the VFW, hall stated that the veterans in town and the property for the community garden, if they folded the community garden would get the land. The land cannot be sold; the land must be for a non-profit organization. The VFW will be closing by November. They have donated money to many non-profits in the community. The VFW would like the wooded area to be saved for the VFW, if they want to build a new building. Can the community garden leave the wooded property alone? Can we still put the flags up, and keep the monument on the corner? They are donating the 5 acres to the community garden. They will meet Thompson, to go over the deed.

Motion by Moore, to accept the property, subject to allowing the church to keep parking where they are, keeping the woods undeveloped in case the VFW would like to open again, keep the flags and monument up, and keep the current restrictions, and to allow Thompson to draft the deed, supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Schreiner received correspondence regarding the bingo license.

Motion by Thompson to spend up to \$15,000 on the machine and supplies supported by Sorenson. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

- B. Schreiner received correspondence from the AAA regarding the General and In-Home Assessment. There were no findings.

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

REPORTS:

- A. Northeast Michigan Regional Council on Aging – Scott Ulery
Not present
- B. Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MSAC) – Lorelei King
King sent in flyers that were printed for you. King has been trying to meet with the representatives, but they have been so busy. Direct Care worker wages has increased. Changes to the Older Michiganders Day, it will not be on the lawn. It will be in a building, and then go office to office.
- C. Directors Report
Discussed the Directors Report. Discussed the pet program, and the run, walk and wag 5k. McLaughlin discussed the brick fundraiser.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Friends of the COA. Director McLaughlin stated that we are working on the paperwork. The bank account is an association currently.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Election of Officers
Schreiner nominated Ostahowski as board Chair, supported by Sorenson. Nomination accepted. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

Schreiner is going to nominate Sorenson as the Vice Chair and Woods as Secretary, supported by Moore. Nomination accepted. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.
- B. Governance Calendar Annual Review
 - a. Vision, Mission, Values
Discussed the Vision, Mission, Values.

Motion made by Thompson, reviewed with no changes the Crawford County Commission on Aging Vision Mission & Values statement, supported by Schriener. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.
 - b. COA By-Laws
Discussed the By-Laws

Motion made by Moore, reviewed with no changes the By-Laws, supported by Sorenson. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.
 - c. Board Governance Policy
Reviewed the Board Governance Policy

Motion made by Schreiner, to approve the Board Governance policy with the changes to end #3 to include a survey for activities and end number 6 to compare the COA current year with the COA previous year and not to the region and state, supported by Thompson. Ayes (6) six, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Schreiner is excited about what is going on here.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Katrina Rogers, the library director, was introduced.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Woods, Secretary

Recorded by Lynn Cheney