

## **MINUTES**

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 22, 2009 @ Grayling Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chairman Mahank.

**Board members in attendance:** Mike Lange, Jack Mahank, Dean McCray, Linda Munsey, Helen Nolan, Howard Taylor, and Don Williams.

**Board members absent:** None

**Also in attendance:** Director Snyder, Melanie Conway, Paul Compo, Bruce Patrick, Dan Sanderson and 10 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Munsey. The invocation was offered by Helen Nolan.

## **AGENDA**

Motion by Williams, supported by Lange to approve the agenda. Ayes (7) six, nay (0). Motion carried.

## **MINUTES**

Motion by McCray, supported by Munsey, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2009 board meeting. Ayes (7) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

At this time the budget shows Congregate meals in the black. No millage applied and is now running in the black. Motion by Taylor, supported by Munsey, to receive and file the financial report ending March 31, 2009. Ayes (7) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - none

## **REPORTS**

- A. **Director's Report** - Director's report was discussed. Discussion regarding contracting meal service. Director Snyder reported it was cheaper for staff to prepare the meals due to the discounts the COA receives from GFS. A GFS business plan review was recently conducted to see where the COA could save money and time. Director Snyder reported the community garden is just beginning and we have a lot of interest. Director Snyder stated we have interviewed for the activities person and the admin position closes today. Motion by Williams, supported by Nolan, to receive and file the Director's Report. Ayes (7) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried.
- B. **NEMCSA** – Mahank reported there will be funding for weatherization for Crawford County. Unknown to how much will be available at this time. This will be available by referral only. Mahank will keep us updated.
- C. **Area Agency on Aging** – There was no meeting this month.
- D. **Building** – Petitions were turned in last Monday. Director Snyder reported the petitions were sent out to the twp clerks last Thursday for verification. According to the Avalanche, there were

1600 signatures turned in and only 1150 are needed for the petition to be valid. Director Snyder stated she would like to move forward and assume there are enough signatures to place it on the ballot. A special election was discussed. The cost may range between 10-15 thousand dollars. The change in cost to build or remodel a building in 2010 was explored stating that it may increase more than what would be paid for in a special election. Director Snyder recommended to the board to hold a special election. The COA would be responsible for the expense for the special election.

Motion by Williams, supported by McCray to table the decision of the special election until next meeting. Roll call vote taken: Lange – nay, Taylor - nay, Munsey - nay, Mahank - nay, Nolan - nay, Williams - aye, McCray – aye. Motion failed.

Motion by Taylor and supported by Munsey to proceed and hold a special election on August 4, 2009 and spend up to \$15,000 of COA fund balance for this purpose. Discussion regarding the number of individuals that vote at a special election compared to a regular election. Also discussion regarding the cost of the special election and the possible increase in cost to remodel or build new if we wait until 2010 for an election. Roll call vote taken: Lange -nay, Taylor - aye, Munsey - aye, Mahank - nay, Nolan – nay, Williams - aye, McCray – aye. Motion passes with a 4 to 3 vote.

The board will go to the County to ask for a special election. Discussion regarding payment to the architectural firm and the consultant firm. At this time Director Snyder is authorized to spend up to \$30,000. Motion by Lange, supported by McCray to limit further expense on the project other than the site plan until August 2009 vote. Ayes (7) seven, nay (0) Motion carried. Director Snyder asked for leadership for the campaign committee. Munsey and Taylor volunteered to lead the campaign.

**OLD BUSINESS** - There was no Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Policy Governance Calender** – Mid year evaluation of the ends. Measurement of the ends was presented to the board. A motion by Taylor and seconded by Nolan to receive and file. Ayes (7) seven, nay (0), motions carried.
- B. **Letter of support for MSU Extension Funding** – The letter was reviewed. The COA has and continues to partner with MSU in multiple areas. Motion by Lange, supported by Nolan to approve the letter of support of MSU funding. Ayes (7) seven, nay (0) Motion carried.
- C. **Letter of Support in Opposition of the SB 250** – Motion by Lange supported by Nolan to approve the letter of support in opposition of the SB 250. Ayes (7) seven, nay (0) Motion carried.
- D. **Visioning Session** –Director Snyder suggested taking this item off the agenda until after we have a clear direction and where we are going with building project. Motion by Nolan supported by McCray to remove this item from the agenda. Ayes (7) seven, nay (0) Motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS** – No concerns noted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Brooks presented the House Bill 5159 to the board and stated he is in support of taking the bond issue to a vote. Powers made a statement that the Hatchery could only be used as a Museum or Health. She also asked about the asbestos, lead paint, other toxic materials and the parking at the hatchery. Adolph stated the seniors don't want to be at the

Hatchery. Patrick identified 3 options for the seniors that he understood, 1) the bond for the Fish Hatchery, 2 ) a millage for building a new building and 3) staying at current location and limiting activities. He identified that he works for the county and stated the asbestos has been removed and not an issue. He also stated that there is no toxic waste on the sight. He reported the lead paint has been covered up with latex paint and is no longer a problem. Brooks encouraged the board to check on House Bill 5159 which he presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Nolan, supported by Williams, to adjourn. Ayes (7) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Jack Mahank, Chairperson

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Melanie Conway, Recording Secretary