

MINUTES

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Regular Board Meeting
June 24, 2009 @ Grayling Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chairman Mahank.

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

Board members absent: Linda Munsey with notice

Also in attendance: Director Snyder, Melanie Conway, Kara LaMarre and 3 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Williams. The invocation was offered by Helen Nolan.

AGENDA

Motion by Nolan, supported by Lange to approve the agenda. Ayes (6) six, nay (0). Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by McCray, supported by Williams, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2009 special board meeting. Ayes (6) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Congregate meals are still in the black with no millage applied. Director Snyder cited cuts in State funding for home delivered meals and homemaking. She anticipates more cuts next year. COA will be purchasing with Congregate grant monies larger tables and folding chairs. These are needed for the large numbers attending special dinners. Mr. Taylor asked if these would remain ours if COA moves from this location. Director Snyder said all equipment, tables and chairs are ours and will go with us to any new location. Nolan questioned the hand-written figures on page seven (7). Director Snyder stated these figures reflect what expenses should be when we receive May's revenue. Motion by McCray, supported by Nolan, to receive and file the financial report ending May 31, 2009. Ayes (6) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - none

REPORTS

A. Building – Board packets include copy of soil borings results and topo survey of proposed new building site. Williams questioned if the soil analysis shows the final grade. Mahank said the soil is typical of Crawford County and there is nothing remarkable to be noted. Director Snyder made note of senior statistics and noted dates and times of tours of the Fish Hatchery site. Director Snyder gave her first in a series of new building presentations to the Chamber of Commerce on 6/23/09. There were good questions and the response was positive. She is scheduled to give presentations to other organizations. The Director has new presentation boards for both propositions and one with an aerial view of the property. During the scheduled tours of the Fish Hatchery, volunteers will give handouts discussing options. Mahank asked if dates for these tours will be in the Avalanche. Director Snyder confirmed. Williams questions Wade Trim's assessment for the actual location for sanitary and water as being unknown. Director Snyder stated we can use the water main on Galen Street. Lange said the building packet is very informative and the Director did a nice job.

- B. **Director** – Mahank asked if there are any questions regarding the report. The response was no. Director Snyder reported that the Sunday Brunches have had good turnout with 77 and 95 in attendance. The Director stated that she has spoken with Paul Compo about much needed storage space. The Director has taken items that can be used in the new building and she is running out of room in the basement in this building. The Director stated COA is at 67% for May funding. We are under serving in respite and personal care. Williams asked who sets these limits. The Director stated she must estimate so many units at this cost to get grant funding. We work hard not to overspend on homemaking. Motion by Williams, supported by Nolan to receive and file the Director’s Report. Ayes (6) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried.
- C. **NEMCSA** – No report.
- D. **Area Agency on Aging** – Mahank asked if there were any questions regarding Ron’s report. There weren’t any. Motion by Taylor, supported by Nolan, to receive and file the Area Agency on Aging Report. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. City of Grayling Rummage Sale-Director Snyder chose not to go to the City Council to discuss the matter. She researched the matter and determined we would need a variance at a cost of \$350.00 to have a rummage sale at this location. That is too much money to expend. The Director said that having it elsewhere is difficult because we have only one volunteer with a pickup truck and there is a great deal of removal and clean-up afterwards. Her recommendation is to wait until after the election and if we are going to move we should hold off on future sales until we are at the new center. The Director said we made \$1,400.00 at the sale in June but had a lot to get rid of and that cost was high. There was discussion regarding the deal with Rotary. The Director said under the deal we have the space and what is left over from their sale and clean up of what is left from both sales. Williams suggested speaking with Rick from the Rotary to adjust the deal. Mahank reminded the Board that it is more important to be in the “Public Eye” than making a great deal of money. The Director agreed and reminded the Board of the hot dog sales on Friday, July 3rd at Dollar General and on Saturday, July 4th on the lawn of Citizen’s Bank.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **NEMCSA Financial Assessment** – The Director stated that this was an audit for the AAA and Waiver Contracts grants, but not looking at millage. The synopsis is that there are no findings cited. Mahank stated that this is not a financial audit like an accountant would do but a compliance audit and we showed spectacular results. This should become part of our annual agency report. Motion by Williams, supported by Nolan to receive and file the NEMCSA Financial Assessment. Ayes (6) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried.
- B. **Project 2020** – Director Snyder applauded this national legislation which builds on best practices in community-based long-term care.
1. Kara LaMarre representing Region 9 stated she has problems getting local seniors interested in wellness programs. Mahank suggested LaMarre contact CMH. Director Snyder said that when the previous Activities Coordinator was at COA, she worked on

wellness issues with great success. At the present we do not have staff to handle this issue and the hospital wants to be paid for a contract.

2. Williams asked about helping people make nursing home and assisted living decisions. Director Snyder said Crawford County doesn't have any assisted living establishments and Melanie can speak with people about long-term care.

- C. **Senior Center Name, Tag Line and Logo** – Director Snyder prompted everyone to think about names and logos for the new center. We can use senior statistics in a new building handout and discussions (e.g. the number of Crawford County seniors is growing at twice the rate of the population). Snyder also stated we should not use the words “old people” in the name or logo. Mahank asked when we envisioned needing a new name and Taylor recommended that we should have one ready when the vote is in so that we can orient people to a new name, building and program. Discussion followed and the following names were mentioned: “Ausable Commons”, “At River’s Edge”, “Ausable Center for Active Living”, “Ausable Commons At River Side”. Taylor suggested that two (2) meetings from today, the board should decide on a name.

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS – No concerns noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Melvin Moore stated that the Board is on the right track for the name. Barb McCray asked who was going to make the final decision on the name. Mahank stated that the COA Board would reach a consensus and it would then be placed before the Board of Commissioners for a final decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Taylor, supported by McCray, to adjourn. Ayes (6) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Jack Mahank, Chairperson

Collette Hill, Recording Secretary