

MINUTES

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Special Board Meeting
May 13, 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, and Howard Taylor.

Board members absent: Don Williams

Also in attendance: Director Snyder, Melanie Conway, Paul Compo, and 6 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Lange. During pledge Don Williams entered the meeting. The invocation was offered by Helen Nolan.

AGENDA

Motion by McCray, supported by Lange to approve the agenda. Ayes (7) six, nay (0). Motion carried. Director Snyder identified that agendas were available to all guests and that proper postings were made.

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Motion by McCray, supported by Williams, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2009 Board meeting. Ayes (7) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Explored the amount of millage received and total amount that will be received for the fiscal year. Compo will research the total and get with Director Snyder if the figure is different. Director Snyder reported that Personal Care has a positive balance and we are under serving in this area. May have to give money back. Letters have been sent to partnering agencies to inform them of the availability of Personal Care services. HDM program continues to use millage money but not as much according to Director Snyder. At this time it is unknown if stimulus money will be available. Congregate has a positive balance at this time. We are unable to transfer monies between programs. Currently our budget is good, not ahead of last year but still looks good. Motion by Taylor, supported by Nolan, to receive and file the financial report ending April 31, 2009. Ayes (7) six, nay (0). Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - none

REPORTS

- A. **Building** – All Board members were provided literature regarding Campaign Finance Act (CFA). Director Snyder stressed the importance of not using anything pertaining to the COA for the Campaign. Exceptions to this Act were discussed. Educational material with factual information can be provided by the COA. Compo agreed educational efforts can be provided by the COA. He also stated he believed that the County Clerk is the person acting as judge to what is or is not in violation of the CFA. Discussion regarding Hometown Furniture building as an option for the Senior Center. Director Snyder reported she has talked with the owner of the building (Cherven) and provided stats. At his time the Board will not be reopening the due diligence process and will continue to move forward with the two options on the ballot. Compo reported on the Ballot language for both proposals. He also reported all the County

Commissioners said no to use the bond money for the build new option as the money for the Fish Hatchery stays with the building and would be used for another occupant. The Board explored the possibility if both proposals pass. The Board agreed to inform the County Commissioners that they would like to build new if both pass. Board members examined the points of interest in which to educate the public such as the growth rate of seniors in the County, current space limitations and the affect on services to seniors, the partnering with the hospital and library due to the close proximity etc. Fraternal organizations, service clubs, newspapers, the gazette and townships were some of the places that were mentioned where this educational information should go. Linda Munsey exited the meeting during the building report at 9:50 am.

B. Director Report – The County has about \$26,000 left of a grant to apply toward the fish hatchery. Since the fish hatchery has changed direction the Board expressed concern about the possibility of the COA to be responsible to repay the grant monies already used toward improvements to the hatchery building. Compo reported he doesn't see this as an issue as the grant monies were spent as the grant was written for improvements. The County will be checking to make sure the remaining grant monies are applied as the grant was allocated or try to have the grant changed so the monies can be applied to the hatchery updates if the COA was to occupy the hatchery. Director Snyder updated the Board on the community garden. The city has denied access to city water from the home across the road. The community garden isn't located on city property so they cannot supply the water. Explored ideas to provide water to the community garden location. Discussion regarding providing Sunday Brunch to seniors. Director Snyder introduced sample menus if brunch was provided as a Congregate meal verses a cost. She reported if introduced as a Congregate meal it might increase our meal counts and our meals have been declining. It has been challenging to meet the requirements to make brunch a Congregate meal stated Director Snyder. The cost of Brunch hasn't yet been determined. It was advised to look at other entities that provide a brunch to stay competitive if it wasn't a Congregate meal. Mercy Hospital has approached Director Snyder to sit on their Board. Director Snyder stated she will go through the process and submit a letter of interest. She stated she may have to remove herself from another Board or community agency she is actively involved as her time is already spread thin. The Board explored the importance of the partnership with the hospital. Compo stated he sits on the hospital Board for the County and the COA is an entity of the County. Motion by Taylor, supported by Lange, to receive and file the Director's Report. Ayes (6) six, nay (0). Motion carried.

C. NEMCSA – Chairman Mahank reported Sy Wakeley, Crawford County Housing Commission and COA have referral forms for the Weatherization program. 6.5 million dollars has been allocated for our County over the next 3 years. Director Snyder reported the COA has made referrals but was informed that the money will not be available for a few more months.

D. Area Agency on Aging – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS - Lange noted that the deed to the Fish Hatchery building states the property can be used for recreation, health and/or museum. It would be in the best interest of the County and the Fish Hatchery property to have the deed changed to a public use deed which is being pursued, but the County is confident that the Senior Center fits the existing deed language for use.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to Reappoint Existing Board Members** – Taylor and Munsey’s term will expire this June. Discussion regarding the past practice of writing a letter to the Commissioners in support of reappointment. A motion by McCray supported by Williams to send a letter advising the County Commissioners that the Board feels that Munsey and Taylor should be reappointed. Discussion. Lange stated he would abstain as he is a Commissioner. It’s important to encourage individuals within the community to apply for the vacant positions and the letter may be discouraging to the general public. After discussion McCray amended his motion to a motion by McCray and re-supported by Williams to send a letter to the County Board of Commissioner acknowledging the performance and service of the 2 COA Board Members Taylor and Munsey. Ayes (6) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried.
- B. City of Grayling Rummage Sale Ordinance** – Director Snyder reported the new ordinance prevents the agency from having the monthly rummage sale. Last year the monthly sales took in about \$1300. This year it has made the agency about \$1100. According to Director Snyder she has attempted to talk with the City Manager David Thayer with messages regarding an exemption from the ordinance and he has not responded. A motion by Williams supported by McCray to request a variance to the rummage sale ordinance. Ayes (6) seven, nay (0) none. Motion carried.
- C. Policy Governance Calendar** – Alice reported no problems with staff and Board members relationship. Motion by Lange supported by Nolan to receive and file the evaluation of Board/staff relationship as found in compliance. Ayes (6) seven, nay (0) none. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS – Taylor addressed the concern of using the name fish hatchery when addressing the building as a possible new senior center. He supplied the Board and Director Snyder with a list of possible choices in renaming the Senior Center. He stated it would be great if the Board could have the new name on the ballot. Compo stated the words fish hatchery cannot be eliminated in the proposal for the bond. He stated the words fish hatchery is not used in the proposal for the build new site on the County property across the river. Explored ways of renaming the senior center. Readdressed the advice from the consultants when choosing a name along with the importance of a tag line and logo. Director Snyder stated the importance of not rushing the process and for the Board to put some thought into the name. Discussion will continue during the next few months at Board meetings to determine a new name for Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Bob McIntosh stated he has watched the senior population grow and the need for services is definitely needed. According to Bob he is in favor of a new senior. He stated he would be on Board to sell to the public to build new and not go the fish hatchery. A new building designed for seniors and their needs such as exercise in the new building would be good. Mel Moore stated he participates in many activities at the center and there are always 2 or 3 things going on at the same time. He stated space is limited and it would be nice to have some room around the pool table for us when shooting pool.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Taylor, supported by Nolan, to adjourn. Ayes (6) six, nay (0) none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Jack Mahank, Chairperson

Melanie Conway, Recording Secretary