



Commission On Aging

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Monroe County Commission on Aging

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2024

Commission on Aging Conference Room

Don Spencer called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Members present Don Spencer, Martin Kaufman, Dave Emmerich,
Mary Ann Wertenberger, Paul Simonton,
Larry Gramlich, Cynthia McIlvain

Members excused: Mary Gantzoz, Wayne Meehean

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the September 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion by: Paul Simonton **Supported by:** Larry Gramlich
Motion carried.

Public Comment: Sandie Pierce, Monroe Senior Center:

An Over 90 Celebration was held at the Monroe Center on August 30, 2024.

RSVP had a Day of Service in which volunteers distributed baked good baskets to Monroe County firefighters, EMS and law enforcement in the County to thank them for their service. There were 35-40 baskets delivered to each station.

Special Presentations:

Ash Senior Center: Agnes Guterrez, Treasurer

Ash Senior Citizens meet every Monday from 10:00 am to 3 pm at the Carleton VFW Hall. Lunch is served at 12pm. The catering service does a good job. Membership is \$15 per year. Most of the senior membership is 69 or older. Bingo, Euchre and Bunko are some of the activities provided. Birthdays, holidays and extra events are celebrated.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- B. Strategic Planning Committee notes of September 5, 2024.
- C. Finance Reports
- D. Correspondence – None.
- E. Formal Agency Reports – None



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Motion to approve by: Cynthia McIlvain Supported by: Mary Ann Wertenberger
Motion Carried.

Directors' Report:

Jason Berry reported the following:

➤ **Common Measures Report**

The August Common Measures Reports provide the Commission with the provider's Cumulative Units Reported vs. Maximum, Cumulative Unduplicated Clients Served vs. Anticipated, Actual Expenditures vs. Total Budget, Total Budget Cost per Unduplicated Client, and Actual Revenue vs. Budgeted Revenue.

➤ **COA Website Views**

The monthly analytics snapshot shows how many hits the COA website received and the categories most visited. Transportation was the most viewed. During August 2024 there were 563 total views.

➤ **Waitlist/Service Not Provided Summary**

Mr. Berry reported that from July 25, 2024, through August 25, 2024, there were 3 ramps built and 34 seniors are on the Project Ramp waitlist.

Old Business:

1. Motion to give the supporting documentation submitted to the Commission on Aging by the Frenchtown Center for Active Adults on September 3, 2024 to the Monroe County Administration for review and further recommendations.

Motion to approve by: Paul Simonton Supported by: Martin Kaufman
Motion Carried.

11. New Business:

1. Monroe County Opportunity Center

- a. **Request for additional funds for the Unmet Needs Program in the amount of \$5,600.00**

Motion to approve by: Paul Simonton Supported by: Martin Kaufman

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Martin Kaufman - Yes
Wayne Meehean - Excused
Mary Ann Wertenberger – Yes
Dave Emmerich – Yes

Mary Gantzoz - Excused
Dave Emmerich - Yes
Cynthia McIlvain - Yes
Larry Gramlich – Yes

Motion Carried.



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b. Request for additional funding for Senior Activities at the Opportunity Center in the amount of 6,000 units equaling \$54,000.00

Motion Tabled.

Public Comment:

None.

Commission Members Comments:

Cynthia McIlvain: Reminds us that this is an infamous day in our nation's history.

Martin Kaufman: Would like to meet at the MCOP Opportunity Center.

Paul Simonton: Expressed his concerns that the small meeting rooms at the MCOP Opportunity Center and the long drive for some Board Members could be an inconvenience.

Dave Emmerich: Berlin Senior Center is incredible.

Don Spencer: Thanks to all for the questions at this public meeting.

Mary Ann Wertenberger: Appreciates the Providers and their service to the community.

Adjournment:

Motion by: Paul Simonton **Supported by:** Larry Gramlich
Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting takes place on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Commission on Aging, 965 South Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161.

Ramona Hall, Recording Secretary