



## Commission On Aging

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## Monroe County Commission on Aging Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

### Commission on Aging Conference Room

Don Spencer called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

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

**Members excused:** Mary Gantz

### Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the October 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

**Motion by:** Wayne Meehan **Supported by:** Mary Ann Wertenberger  
**Motion carried.**

### Public Comment: Tearra Minnifield, Cornerstone Caregiving

Cornerstone Caregiving is located in Maumee, OH. They also provide care in Monroe County. Services include Respite Care, 24-hour home care, hospice and palliative care, dementia and Alzheimer care and hospital recovery care. There is a fully funded VA program to provide quality care to veterans in their own home.

### Special Presentations:

#### Lake Erie Transit: Mark Wagner, Assistant to General Manager

Lake Erie Transit provides door-to-door essential transportation to seniors 60 years of age and up. There are 6 ADA Compliant busses for seniors. Ride appointments can be called one day, or up to 2 weeks in advance.

Seniors can bring an aide to accompany them to appointments. A Bus Buddy can accompany new riders (LET staff member). Prices are \$30.00 for a monthly bus pass or \$1.00 per ride. There were 11,579 rides given in 2023 and 6,889 trips in 2024 to date. Challenges include providing rides to service clients in outlying areas.

### Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- B. Strategic Planning Committee notes of October 3, 2024.
- C. Finance Reports
- D. Correspondence – None.



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E. Formal Agency Reports – None

**Motion to approve by: Wayne Meehean Supported by: Cynthia McIlvain**  
**Motion Carried.**

### Directors' Report:

Jason Berry reported the following:

#### ➤ Common Measures Report

The September 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.

As of 10/03/2024, 8,296 individuals have received services in 2024.

As of 10/03/2024, 5,046 individuals have received more than one service in 2024.

#### ➤ 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 September 2024 there were 649 total views, which is a 13% increase.

#### ➤ Waitlist/Service Not Provided Summary

Mr. Berry reported that from August 25, 2024, through September 25, 2024, there were 4 ramps built. There are 31 seniors are on the Project Ramp waitlist.

### Old Business:

**Motion to request additional 2024 funding for Senior Activities at the MCOP Opportunity Center in the amount of \$25,020.00 equaling 2,780 units/hours of service**

**Motion to deny: Paul Simonton**

**Supported by: Martin Kaufman**

### Roll Call Vote Taken

Martin Kaufman - No

Mary Gantzoz - Excused

Wayne Meehean - No

Don Spencer - No

Mary Ann Wertenberger - Yes

Cynthia McIlvain - Yes

Dave Emmerich - No

Larry Gramlich - Yes

Paul Simonton – Yes

**Motion Did Not Pass.**

### AMENDED MOTION

**1a. Motion to approve requests with direction given to MCOP to develop membership, diversify funding and create a cost share with an amended budget by the end of the year. The MCOP will come to the Board for budget consideration for line items.**



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

### Roll Call Vote Taken

Martin Kaufman - Yes  
Wayne Meehan – Yes  
Mary Ann Wertenberger – Yes  
Dave Emmerich – Yes  
Don Spencer – Yes

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

**Motion Carried.**

### 11. New Business:

**Motion to request additional funding for Choices Counseling Solutions in the Amount of \$6,000.00 equaling 40 units/hours of service.**

**Motion to approve: Paul Simonton      Supported by: Cynthia McIlvain**

### Roll Call Vote Taken:

Martin Kaufman - Yes  
Wayne Meehan – Yes  
Mary Ann Wertenberger – Yes  
Dave Emmerich – Yes  
Don Spencer – Yes

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve a 2024 request from the Milan Senior Healthy Living –Aging In Action program for funding in the amount of \$15,750.00 equaling 750 units/Hours of service**

**Motion to approve by: Paul Simonton      Supported by: Cynthia McIlvain**

### Roll Call Vote Taken:

Martin Kaufman - Yes  
Wayne Meehan – Yes  
Mary Ann Wertenberger – Yes  
Don Spencer – Yes  
Paul Simonton - Yes

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve a 2025 request from the Milan Senior Healthy Living –Aging in Action for additional funding of \$21,840.00 equaling 1,040 units/hours of service.**

**Motion to approve by: Paul Simonton      Supported by: Cynthia McIlvain**

### Roll Call Vote Taken:

Martin Kaufman - Yes  
Wayne Meehan - Yes  
Mary Ann Wertenberger - Yes

Mary Gantz - Excused  
Dave Emmerich - Yes  
Cynthia McIlvain - Yes



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Don Spencer - Yes  
Paul Simonton - Yes  
**Motion Carried.**

Larry Gramlich - Yes

### Public Comment:

Sandie Pierce, Monroe Center for Healthy Aging:  
LET service is wonderful. Choices Counseling Solutions is great.

Celia Apodaca, Bedford Senior Center:

The Bedford Senior Center is wrapping up the kitchen renovation which should be in operation by the first week in December.

Kristen, Monroe Family YMCA:

Congratulations to Colin Keehn of the United Way Ramp Program regarding the Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast and Golf Outing.

### Commission Members Comments:

Cynthia McIlvain: Acknowledged the Memorial Wall featuring Chery Rivard.

Dave Emmerich: Attended a YMCA senior exercise activity. He will also utilize the tennis program.

### Adjournment:

**Motion by:** Dave Emmerich  
**Motion Carried.**

**Supported by:** Paul Simonton

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

**The next Regular Board meeting takes place on Wednesday,  
November 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Commission on Aging,  
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**Ramona Hall, Recording Secretary**