



Commission On Aging

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Monroe County Commission on Aging Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2025

Commission on Aging Conference Room

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

Members present Don Spencer, Pamela Nadeau, Wayne Meehan, Cynthia McIlvain, Larry Gramlich, Harry Grenawitzke, Mary Ann Wertenberger, Mary Gantz, Madonna Burkit

Members excused: None.

Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Prayer

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the November 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion by: Mary Ann Wertenberger
Motion carried.

Supported by: Wayne Meehan

Public Comment: None

Special Presentations:

A. Monroe County Opportunity Program: Stephanie Kasprzak

The 2024 Annual Report and a Mobile Food Pantry Calendar were distributed. The MCOP has achieved the national Gold Tier status for excellence. In 2024, 3 million pounds of food was distributed to Monroe County Seniors. They have collaborated with the Lord's Harvest Pantry to achieve this as well as other partners. Food is the biggest need in the community. Utility Assistance was received by the Federal Government last week following the government shutdown. The Walk for Warmth was held in the first week of November and raised more money for utility assistance through individual donors.

Over 300 Christmas baskets were delivered to seniors across the County which included food and gifts.

The Volunteer Caregiver program will end at the end on December 30, 2025. The Medicare/Medicaid season was very busy. Next will be tax preparation season.



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B. United Way Ramp Program: Laura Pipis

Funding began in 2019. The Ramp Program had a great year. There were 38 ramps build this year. They have a great group of builders who are retirees. There are only 3 partnerships in the state of Michigan that are that are similar to the Monroe program flint, Saginaw.

The newly designed ramps are an improvement. There are several partnerships throughout the County.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting
- B. Strategic Planning Committee Minutes of December 04, 2025
- C. Finance Reports – None.
- D. Correspondence – None.
- E. Formal Agency Reports – None

Motion to approve by: Wayne Meehan Supported by: Larry Gramlich
Motion Carried.

Directors' Report:

➤ Common Measures Report

The 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. During November 2025 there were 495 total views. Transportation was the most viewed at 112. Total Website views were 112.

➤ Waitlist/Service Not Provided Summary

Mr. Berry reported that from October 2025 through November 2025, there were 7 wheelchair ramps built. A total of 38 Ramps were built in 2025. There are 36 seniors on the Project Ramp waitlist.

Old Business: None.



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New Business:

A. Retired & Senior Volunteer Program – Beth Berlin

Motion to deny a Unit Increase Adjustment Request from the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program and keep the original request:

1. 2026 Original application: Unit Rate \$1.75 / Unit Total: \$57,000.00
2. 2026 Requested Revision Unit Rate \$2.00 / Unit Total: \$49,875.00

Motion by: Larry Gramlich
Motion Carried.

Supported by: Wayne Meehean

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Pamela Nadeau- Yes
Larry Gramlich - Yes
Harry Grenawitzke - Yes
Mary Ann Wertenberger – Yes
Wayne Meehean - Yes

Cynthia McIlvain - Yes
Don Spencer - Yes
Mary Gantzogs - Yes
Madonna Burkit - Yes

B. Monroe Center for Healthy Aging – Sandie Pierce

Motion to request a Unit Increase Adjustment for Monroe Center for Healthy Aging

1. 2026 Original Application: Unit Rate \$4.50 / Unit Total \$106,600.00
2. 2026 Requested Revision: Unit Rate \$4.68 / Unit Total \$158,400.00

Motion by: Harry Grenawitzke
Motion Carried.

Supported by: Madonna Burkit

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Pamela Nadeau- Yes
Larry Gramlich - No
Harry Grenawitzke - Yes
Mary Ann Wertenberger – No
Wayne Meehean - No

Cynthia McIlvain - Yes
Don Spencer - No
Mary Gantzogs - Yes
Madonna Burkit - Yes

Public Comment:

Child Advocacy Network: Kristie Rodgers, Director

Suggested a Grandparent Training meeting.



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Commission Members Comments:

Don Spencer: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Pamela Nadeau: Happy Holidays

Larry Gramlich: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Cynthia McIlvain: Hopes we can all walk out with a sense of peace. Social Security increase of 2.7%. Our first concern should be for Seniors and those that are struggling.

Wayne Meehan: Merry Christmas and stay sober

Harry Grenawitzke: Merry Christmas to all and have a safe and happy 2026

Madonna Burkit: Merry Christmas and the Lord's blessings

Mary Ann Wertenberger: Merry Christmas

Mary Gantz: Merry Christmas

Adjournment:

Motion by: Wayne Meehan
Motion Carried.

Supported by: Larry Gramlich

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44p.m.

**The next Regular Board meeting takes place on Wednesday,
January 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Commission on Aging, 965
South Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161.**

Ramona Hall, Recording Secretary