

**Barry County Commission on Aging
Board Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2023**

The February 21, 2023 COA Board Meeting was called to order by David Tossava at 2:00 p.m. at the Commission on Aging building in Hastings. Roll was taken before the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioner Mike Callton, Betsy Colgan, Terry Dennison, Jennie DeWitt, Sheryl Lewis Blake, Carrie McCormick, Junior (Sager) Miller (entered at 2:03 p.m.), Douglas Smendik, Mike Snyder, and Dave Tossava. **Absent:** Don Bowers, Charlotte Mohler, and Sally Shuster Shoff. **Staff:** Courtney Ziny, Susanne Huebner.

Persons in attendance included interested public.

Approval of Agenda: Tossava noted that the agenda needed to be amended to add discussions regarding building and future of the COA to the agenda and delete Election of Officers as they need to be done in March according to Bylaws. Motion by Dewitt to approve the agenda as amended. Support by Colgan. All ayes. **Motion carried.**

Introductions: Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Hatfield, Commissioner Teunessen, and Commissioner Callton of the Barry County Board of Commissioners, all in attendance, introduced themselves.

Discussion: Commissioners Jackson, Hatfield, Teunessen, and Callton reported about the County Commissioners' Ad Hoc Building Committee and the projects they had identified for recommendation to the their full board. The Commission on Aging was identified as in need of a different building to be housed in due to some major disrepair of the current building, and the ad hoc committee is proposing to build a new COA building next to the Thornapple Manor's Harvest Pointe Assisted Living facility on McKeown Road/M-79 Highway. The property is currently owned by the County and the County has funds available toward the project.

Discussion.

Motion by Dewitt, supported by Dennison, to authorize the COA Executive Director and building staff to move forward with the project. Roll call vote taken: 10 ayes – 0 nays. **Motion carried by roll call vote.**

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Snyder, supported by DeWitt, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting as written. All ayes. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment: Stacy Wines, CEO of CareWell Services, commented on the County Commissioners' presentation.

COA Committee Reports:

- a. The Board reviewed the proposed 2023 Committee Assignments for Client Services, Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, and Building Ad-Hoc Committee.

Correspondence: N/A

Finance Reports:

Moved by DeWitt, supported by Dennison, to accept the December 2022 and January 2023 financial reports. Roll call vote taken: 10 ayes – 0 nays. **Motion carried by roll call vote.**

Director's Report:

- Hamburger Night on January 31st went well, with 62 people attending the event
- Valentine's Ball had 20 attendees for its first time event
- Trivia Night on February 18th raised \$3,500 for Adult Day Services
- Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser is coming up April 21st. Last year, 300 meals were served; this year's goal is to raise \$10,000.
- Discussion regarding matching employee impact payments for all part-time employees to amount full-time employees received from the County and discussion about moving direct care workers and kitchen manager to full-time status.

Motion by Smendik, supported by Colgan, to send discussion to the Finance Committee. All ayes.

Motion carried.

- Grant money in the amounts of \$37,000 for Meals on Wheels and \$11,000 for In-Home Services were received from United Way.
- COA is still waiting on CareWell's decision regarding Innovation Grant applications.

Commission Report: Commissioner Callton

- The County Board of Commissioners had been busy with conducting interviews and appointing applicant to numerous county boards, including appointment of Doug Smendik, Sheryl Lewis Blake, and re-appointment of Mike Snyder, and Terry Dennison to the COA Board.
- Commissioner Callton excused himself from the meeting in order to meet another obligation.

Additional Action Items:

- A. Moved by Lewis Blake, supported by Smendik, to approve payment in the amount of \$1,300 to ESS for the repair of the furnace unit in the Administrative Office. Roll call vote taken: 9 ayes - 0 nays.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Informational Items:

- A. Conflict of Interest Policy: Annual review and signature from individual board members
B. The Board reviewed upcoming events.
C. The Board reviewed Congregate Meals & Choice Menu information.

Members Time:

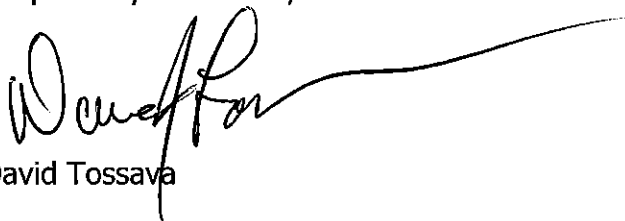
- Terry Dennison expressed his gratitude to be able to serve another term on the COA Board.

Adjournment:

Moved by DeWitt, supported by Colgan, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Tossava