

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE



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MEMBERS

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MEETING LOCATION

301 N. Main Street - Adrian, MI

Minutes: Monday, September 11, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Bolton, Martis, Bales, and Van Doren

Others: Commissioner Collins

Also Present: Francine Zysk, Kim Murphy, Jennifer Ambrose, Shannon Elliott, and Rebecca Borton

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bales, seconded by Martis, to approve the June 5, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

II. Department Highlights

A. Health Department: Comm. Bolton reviewed an update from Monica Hunt including information on outreach activities, the EBEID programs, and Learning for a Lifetime (back-to-school tips, tricks, and routines).

B. Department on Aging: Cari Rebottaro was unable to attend today's meeting.

C. Community Development: Francine Zysk gave an update on the status of the Opioid planning.

- 87 assessments were conducted with stakeholders and jail inmates
 - Death reports, survey results, data collected from the Health Department, Hospital ER reports, drug seizures, Opioid Strategic Plan conducted in 2019, MI Model School Health Data, and other related information have been collected.
 - An Opioid Townhall meeting was held with guest speaker Eric Hipple and was well-received
 - F. Zysk has presented updates on both the Opioid Action Plan and Community Development at a MAC meeting
 - She is working with MSU team on preparing the Opioid Assessment
 - She continues to participate in MAC Opioids Settlement Training Series
- She plans to present the Opioid Assessment to the Board of Commissioners in October.

F. Zysk shared an invitation to attend an upcoming book read on October 2, from 6 to 7:30 pm. Author, Sam Quinones, will be reading from his book, "The Least of Us," True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth.

The Committee recognized and commended F. Zysk.

D. Community Survey: Jennifer Ambrose provided a summary of the ZenCity community survey. This is a recurring survey to measure how satisfied residents are with the community and local government; this will allow for future results to be compared and provide guidance on how any Commission actions are being received.

The results show that residents over the age of 55 appear to be the most satisfied living in Lenawee County; the younger generation (18-34) was considerably less satisfied. Overall, the general satisfaction of Lenawee County residents is nearly 20% less than our comparative counties.

Some areas that need improvement according to the survey, include

- Ability to provide input to local government
- Availability of Jobs that pay a living wage
- Access to quality mental health services
- Ease of getting around by public transportation

The survey had an open-ended question, "What is the thing you would most want to change about life in Lenawee County?" Responses are available for the Committee's review.

There was discussion about what items fall within the county government's ability to improve.

The Committee would like to share the info with stakeholders and will consider setting focus area goals at the next meeting.

The Committee recognized and commended J. Ambrose.

III. Updates / Other Business

A. Carbon Dioxide Well Drilling: Comm. Martis distributed some information on carbon capturing and updated the Committee on activities within his district. He explained that the geographic terrain of his district attracts large projects such as wind and solar farming, nuclear or hazardous waste collection sites, and now carbon dioxide sequestration disposal wells.

In most cases, our townships have not had these types of projects included in their

planning or zoning ordinances, and have been addressing them as they arise. The townships wish to continue controlling these types of projects at the local level, where the residents can be included in the planning process.

It was suggested that a resolution be drafted reverberating the County's commitment to supporting local land use and zoning planning. Comm. Martis will be drafting a resolution.

A. Human Services Collaborative: The minutes from the Human Services Collaborative meeting and a couple of flyers were available.

B. Guest Speakers: Mary Bohling, MSU, and Jacob Hurt, Region 2 Planning are scheduled to be guest speakers next month.

C. Next Meeting: Comm. Bales will be unavailable on October 9th.

Motion by Martis, seconded by Bales, to move the next Human Services Committee meeting to October 9th at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment: No public comment was offered.

V. Adjournment

Motion by Bales, seconded by Martis, to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m. Motion carried.