

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Karol "KZ" Bolton, Kevon Martis, Dawn Bales

MEETING LOCATION

301 N. Main Street - Adrian, MI

Minutes: Monday, November 6, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Also Present: Comm. Collins, Monica Hunt, Meija Knafl (River Raisin Watershed Council), Brett Gatz (R2PC), Francine Zysk, Jennifer Ambrose, Shannon Elliott, Kim Murphy, Rebecca Borton, and David Panian (The Daily Telegram),

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Martis, seconded by Bales, to approve the October 9, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

II. Health Department: While the RRWC was setting up their presentation, Monica Hunt provided department highlights including:

- Approximately 660 lbs. of medications were collected during the recent Drug Take Back Day and a total of 1,123 lbs. were collected in 2023. This is a 67% increase since 2021.
- The community cookbook is being put together
- The Health Department is collaborating with other counties to initial a "It's Possible" campaign
- With the Protect Yourself program the Health Department has distributed 476,000 condoms throughout Lenawee
- Flu vaccine clinics have been busy and noted that there continues to be a shortage of state-supplied COVID vaccines

III. River Raisin Watershed: Meija Knafl introduced herself and shared a presentation on the activities of the RRWC. Some highlights include:

- The RRWC inspires stewardship and promotes the preservation of the watershed.
- The watershed covers over 1,000 square miles, six counties, and two states.
- Collaborate with many other organizations to work on several locations
- A management plan is anticipated to be completed soon
- Some programs include Adopt-A-Stream, Vernal Pools, River Clean projects, and master rain gardening

IV. Region 2 Planning: Brett Gatz introduced himself and provided activities from the Region 2 Planning and the Lenawee County Planning Commission.

V. Department Highlights

A. Community Development: Francine Zysk reported on the following:

- The opioid needs assessment report has been drafted and will be presented next month
- She has conducted three Narcan classes and distributed 72 kits.
- She has had discussions with three broadband providers and will be attending the BEAD conference this evening.
- The Land Bank is currently working on the third phase of establishing policies and procedures, and new “For Sale” signs have been made and are being posted.

VI. Updates / Other Business

Legislative Dinner: Shannon Elliott announced that the next legislative dinner set for November 16th at 5:30 p.m. has currently received 47 reservations.

Guest Speakers: Comm. Bolton announced that Marcia Meadows from Michigan Works! Southeast will be presenting next month and John Wanke from Lenawee County Education Foundation will be invited.

BOC Scholarship: The Committee reviewed the scholarship and felt that no changes were necessary to the application language. Commissioners Bolton, Martis, and Bales will be reviewing applications this year.

Other Business: Comm. Bolton announced the following upcoming events:

- Thank-A-Vet which raises money for dire needs
- Blessings and More has a new pop-up shop in Adrian
- Diangalo Boone is this year’s recipient of the Norma Dell Ray Courage to Care Award.
- Lenawee Cares celebrity bagger fundraiser is coming up; several commissioners will be bagging groceries to help support the effort.

VII. Public Comment: No public comment was offered.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Martis, seconded by Bales, to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. Motion carried.