

# **MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP- COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**MARCH 11, 2026**

**ADMIN CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Chair Styka, Vice-Chair Robinson, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Orr, Commissioner Maingu, Commissioner Turimella, Commissioner Whiting-Dobson, Commissioner Langhals

Board Liaison: Trustee Wilson

STAFF: Human Services Specialist Love

ABSENT: None

## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Styka called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

## **2. AGENDA**

Agenda was approved as written.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January Minutes were approved as written.

## **4. PRESENTATION**

*Basic Parliamentary Information* and *Meeting Procedure Fundamentals* handouts were distributed by Vice-Chair Robinson for the Commissioners review.

- Vice- Chair Robinson lead a discussion about the importance of reviewing the information in hopes of keeping the Community Resource Commission on track and following the basic principals of “Robert’s Rules”.
- The Commissioners shared that they believe for the most part the meetings follow “Robert’s Rule of Order” but there is always more to learn.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A: Correction to November 2025 minutes

- The correction to the November 2025 minutes was under “*Call the Meeting to Order*”. It should read... “*Chair Styka called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.*”

B: Joint Board and Commission Recap: Chair Styka

- Chair Styka, Vice-Chair Robinson, Commissioner Turimella and Commissioner Orr were in attendance representing the CRC. Commissioner Whiting-Dobson was also in attendance representing the Communications Commission.
- Chair Styka spoke highly of the meeting and all the work being done by all the Meridian Township Commissions.

C: Mobile Health Clinic: Commissioner Webster

- Thursday, March 12 Edgewood Village 1-4 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16 Grange Acres 1-4 p.m.
- Commissioner Webster is working with Mobile Health Clinic to get the “Medical Minute”, that introduces the Clinic, being seen by more residents.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

A: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Resource Connection

- The Community Resource Connection will take place on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. in the Town Hall.
- We have 30 groups that have RSVP'd to attend.
- Commissioner Langhals is bringing some snacks from Nothing Bundt Cakes.
- If you are able to help with the event, please let Specialist Love know by Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

B: Ambulance Waiver Application

- An Ambulance waiver was submitted to the Community Resource Commission for review.
- The resident meets the standards for 50% exemption.
- Chair Styka and Vice-Chair Robinson signed the approval on the form.
- Specialist Love will communicate the exemption to Medical Management.

C: Security Deposit Policy Update

- Specialist Love was asked by the Finance Department to add language to the Community Resource Commission Policy and Procedures about how we handle security deposits.
- Specialist Love proposed the following language.
  - *#12 Security deposit assistance provided by Meridian Cares is issued as a one-time payment to support housing stability. Funds provided for this purpose become the benefit of the residents with whom the assistance is issued. Any security deposit refund returned by the landlord at the conclusion of the tenancy shall belong to the resident and shall not be subject to reimbursement or repayment to the Township or Meridian Cares.*
- **Commissioner Whiting-Dobson moves to accept the wording in #12 of the Policy and Procedures. Seconded by Commissioner Langhals. AIF: 8 Nay: 0.**
- Specialist Love will update the Policy and Procedures, and it will reflect “amended March 2026”

## 7. HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT

- January 2026 Highlights
  - The month ended with \$62,877.55 in cash.
  - We used \$6,811.57 in Emergency Needs Funds
  - Sold 42 Redi-Ride Passes
  - The Cares Round up was \$535.54
  - Large donation of \$21,264.93 was received.

- February 2026 Highlights
  - o The month ended with \$57,894.88 in cash
  - o We used a total of \$4,194.00 in funding.

## **8. BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

- Thank you for coming to the Joint Board Commissions Meeting
- No new updates or movements on the Senior Center.
  - o 2 final candidates are being interviewed for the Superintendent position at Okemos. Once that is decided the Township Board will continue to move forward and start fresh on talks.
- Club Pilates and Flaky Croissant have opened
- The Village of Okemos is in receivership. The Township Board has been in contact with the receiver, and they are bringing in a new Broker. The Township Board is hopeful that some movement can occur.

## **9. OPEN FORUM**

- Thank you to Commissioner Orr for bringing in coats and clothing from Walmart for the need's closets in the area schools.
- Commissioner Whiting-Dobson commented that many of the hits on the Township website were around the Farmers Market. The Communications Commission is exploring the possibility of having a Township Table at the market and each Commission could take a different Saturday and talk about what they do. The Commissioners expressed interest in participating in something like this if it goes forward.

## **10. ADJOURNEMENT**

Vice-Chair Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 P.M. with no opposition.