

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 19, 2025
ADMIN CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Chair Styka, Vice-Chair Robinson, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Langhals, Commissioner Orr

ABSENT: Commissioner Turimella, Commissioner Whiting-Dobson, Commissioner Maingu

STAFF: Human Services Specialist Love

BOARD LIASON: Trustee Wilson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A: Chair Styka called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Accepted as written.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Langhals moves to approve the January 8, 2025, minutes. Seconded by Vice-Chair Robinson. Motion Carried 5-0

4. OLD BUSINESS

A: Intergenerational Art Project – Commissioner Webster

- On Friday, February 14th Commissioner Webster, Langhals and Vice-Chair Robinson went to Marsh Point Independent living to hand out valentine's cards that were created by elementary students from Bennett Woods.
- Thank you to Commissioner Webster for coordinating this project.
- 108 Valentines were made and left on the stands by their doors. A few leftovers were dropped off at Dobie Road, Ingham County Medial Care.

C: Joint Commissioners Meeting Recap

- Chair Styka, Vice-Chair Robinson and Commissioner Orr attended the event on behalf of the Community Resource Commission.
- Chair Styka said it was enjoyable and always great to hear what others in the community are doing.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A: Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser

- The Second Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang will be throughout the month of March.
- We are planning to put them at Tom's, the Municipal Building and perhaps Court One.

B: Ambulance Waiver Request

- A resident Ambulance Waiver Request was presented to the Community Resource Commission for consideration.
- The resident meets the standards for 50% exemption.
- Chair Styka and Vice-Chair Robinson signed the approval of the form.
- Specialist Love will communicate the exemption with Medical Management.

C: Community Resource Connection: February 25th 1-4 p.m.

- We are holding the 2nd annual Connection on February 25th.
- We have had a great response of RSVP's and are expecting around 50 people.
- Members of the commission have offered to bring snacks and water.
 - Commissioner Langhals is looking into Bundt Cake bites like last year.
 - Commissioner Styka will bring nut packets.
 - Commissioner Webster will bring water bottles.
- Commission members will be packing the literature that is brought by the attendees. Members decided to compile the packets that same way as last year.

6. HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT

- The new Finance Director will be starting at the end of March.
- We purchased \$600 worth of Redi-Ride passes.
- Our 2025 budget is \$40,000.
- We used \$3,301.59 in the month of January.

7. BOARD LISASON REPORT

- Senior/Community Center News
 - Negotiations to purchase the property at the driving range on Grand River for a Senior center/community center are ongoing. If this location does not work out, the other location is the land by the fire station on Central Park.
 - Asking Progressive AE for 2 proposals. One for a stand-alone senior center and one for a combination of both.

- The committee is meeting next Tuesday 2/25 and will have hard numbers to share with the public. It will be refined and come May the board will decide if it will be on the August ballot as a milage.
- Haslett Downtown
 - Shovels will be in the ground soon on the development on the corner of Haslett and Marsh.

8. OPEN FORUM

- Vice-Chair Robinson received her tax assessment for this coming year and is wondering how they came about raising the value and how that is decided on.
- Specialist Love found on the Meridian Township website under assessing there is information under *understanding your assessment* that may assist residents with questions.

9. ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Langhals made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M. with no opposition.