

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP- COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION

APRIL 8, 2026

TOWN HALL

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

STAFF: Human Services Specialist Love

ABSENT: Trustee Wilson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Styka called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. AGENDA: Add 5D: Protect the Pack and eliminate 7. Board Liaison report.

Chair Styka made a motion to approve the April 8th agenda with the above additions and deletions. Seconded by Vice-Chair Robinson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March Minutes were approved as written.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A: Mobile Health Clinic: Commissioner Webster

- Commissioner Webster continues to work with the Mobile Health Clinic to keep the Clinic in the area. Combining the clinic with an existing event would potentially increase traffic. The Commissioners will continue to brainstorm and reach out to Commissioner Webster with any ideas.

B: Community Resource Connection

- This year's event was another success with many new and returning guests.
- Specialist Love sent out a PDF to Commissioners that had all the brochures that were provided by the guests.

2026 Attendees: Meridian Cares, Homeless Angels, Davies Project, Haslett Food Pantry, Faith Lutheran Mini Pantries, Legal Services of South-Central Michigan, The Global Institute of Lansing, Food Rescue US, The Reading People, Child & Family Services, Capital Area Housing Partnership, St. Vincent de Paul, Tri-County Office on Aging, Capital Area Michigan Works!, Ingham County Treasurer's Office, Catholic Charities, Ingham County DHHS, Red Cross, Child & Family Drop in Center, Reed & Flax Community Services, Okemos Community Food Pantry, Capital Area Community Services, Edgewood Village, 2|42 Community Church and PACE Senior CommUnity Care.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A: March Madness

- We had about a dozen employees participate in this year's March Madness donation challenge.

B: 1st Quarter 2026 Ingham County Grant Report

- Specialist Love presented the 2026 1st Quarter Grant Report to the Commissioners for review.
- The Progress of our "Project".
 - o First Quarter 2026 we assisted 30 households consisting of 78 people.
 - o Total financial assistance was \$16,036.19.
 - \$5,180.72 from Meridian Cares
 - \$10,855.47 from Meridian Cares through the Ingham Grant
 - Leveraged \$10,620.59 in other funding.
 - Specialist Love had 288 interactions with service participants in the 1st Quarter.

C: #SockoutSuicide

- Friday, May 15th. Wear your brightly colored socks.
- The Fun Run will take place at Playmakers on Thursday May 14th. Commissioner Orr expressed interest in being at the Meridian Cares booth during the run. Commissioner Webster may also be interested. Time to be determined.
- Specialist Love will remind Commissioners to wear their fun socks at our meeting on May 13th, and we can take a picture to showcase on the 15th.

D: Protect the Pack

- Meridian Cares was asked to be at the Protect the Pack event again this year. The event will take place Thursday, June 11th from 5-7 p.m. at Okemos High School.
- If Commissioners are interested in being at the table, please reach out to Specialist Love.

6. HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT

- March 2026 Highlights
 - o The month ended with \$54,977.74 in cash.
 - o We used \$5,030.62 in Emergency Needs Funds
 - o Sold 35 Redi-Ride Passes
 - o The Cares Round up was \$932.42

7. OPEN FORUM

- Vice-Chair Robinson brought up the idea that the Sparrow Mobile Health Clinic might be a good fit at Celebrate Meridian. Commissioner Webster will follow up. This year Celebrate is July 25th.

8. ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Langhals made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 P.M. with no opposition.