

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP- COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION

JANUARY 14, 2026

ADMIN CONFERENCE ROOM

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

ABSENT:

Board Liaison: Trustee Wilson

STAFF: Human Services Specialist Love

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. AGENDA

Agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to November 19th minutes. Chair Styka was listed as present, she was absent. Minutes were approved as written.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A: Holiday Food Assistance Recap

- The packet included a 2025 Recap of the Holiday Food Assistance Program.
 - o Highlights
 - 13,146 Raised for Holiday Food Assistance
 - 690 households representing 1179 people were served by the program in November and December.

B: Sparrow Mobile Health Clinic- Commissioner Webster

- Amanda Brown in the new contact
 - o Grange Acres: Feb 19 & April 16 both 1-4 p.m.
 - o Edgewood: March 12th 1-4 p.m.
- Commissioner Webster reached out to Tom Moore at the Library to see if there is interest for the Library to host a clinic.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A: Meeting Date Resolution

- A meeting date resolution document was presented to the Commissioners for review.
 - The proposed dates to meet in 2026 are as follows

January 14
February 11
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11* and
December 9

- All meetings will be held at 6:00 P.M. in the Administrative Conference Room at the Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road.
- We are scheduling 12 meetings but will only need to meet for 10. We plan to cancel June and August unless there is a weather event that cancels another date.

The motion to approve the Community Resource Commission Meeting Dates for 2026 was approved. Motion Carried 8-0. Chair Styka signed the form.

- *After further review, November 11th is Veterans Day. The commission would like to move the date of the November meeting to Wednesday, November 18th.

Vice-Chair Robinson made a motion to change the November 11th meeting date to Wednesday, November 18th because of the Veterans Day Holiday. Seconded by Commissioner Whiting-Dobson. Motion Carried 8-0

B: Appointment of Chair & Vice Chair for 2026

Vice-Chair Robinson shared her desire to remain Vice-Chair of the Community Resource Commission for the 2026 Calendar Year.

Chair Styka opened the nominations for Vice-Chair of the Community Resource Commission for the 2026 calendar year.

Commissioner Whiting-Dobson nominates Yvette Robinson to continue as Vice-Chair of the Community Resource Commission for the 2026 calendar year. Supported by Commissioner Langhals. Motion Carried 8-0

Vice-Chair Robinson opened the nominations for Chair of the Community Resource Commission for the 2026 calendar year.

Commissioner Whiting-Dobson nominates Georgia Styka to continue as Chair of the Community Resource Commission for the 2026 calendar year. Supported by Commissioner Webster. Motion Carried 8-0

C: Joint Board & Commission Meeting Invitation

- Specialist Love included the invitation that was emailed from Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor to Meridian Township commissioners inviting them to the Joint Township Board and Commissions meeting on February 10, 2026.
- Commissioner Orr said she did not receive an email. Specialist Love will follow up with Michelle Prinz to fix that error.
- Trustee Wilson said that the Township Board would like two representatives from each commission to be in attendance.
- The letter from Supervisor Hendrickson does not state that parameter.
- More than two members would like to attend.
- Chair Styka will follow up with Manager Dempsey about the number of commissioners that can attend.

D: New Donation

- The Meridian Cares Emergency Needs Fund received a large donation on behalf of the new Township Treasurer. This donation was in the amount of \$20,076.93.
- We thank Treasurer Linda Burghardt and passed around a thank you card to sign.

E: Ingham Housing Grant 2025 Quarter 4 Report

- Specialist Love provided a copy of the report in the packet.
- Specialist Love interacted on the phone/email 292 with residents.
- Meridian Cares financially assisted 22 households representing 61 people.
 - o 1 household obtained stable housing
 - o 14 households avoided eviction
 - o 7 households avoided utility shut off.
- As of December 31st we had used \$10,360.16 of the \$80,000 grant.

6. HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT

- November Highlights
 - o The month ended with \$46,048.85 in cash.
 - o We used \$5,051.08 in Emergency Needs Funds
 - o Sold 57 Redi-Ride Passes
- December Highlights
 - o The month ended with \$45,431.84 in cash
 - o We used a total of \$7,518.65 in funding.
 - \$1,331.42 from Emergency Need Funds
 - \$6,187.23 from Ingham County Grant
- In 2025 we spent \$51,359.93 from the Emergency Needs Fund.

7. BOARD LISASON REPORT

- Santas First Responders: Great Event with record numbers.
- Senior Center Update:
 - o No News, Conversations with Nokomis are going nowhere.
- Haslett Village Square: Begun construction
- Car Wash: Building now.
- Development on Central Park Drive
 - o 207 units are allowed and they are coming back to the Township Board with a plan of modifications from original designs.
- More traffic stops are happening in the Township. 2025 numbers will be out soon.
- Chill Grants: forgivable loans up to \$10,000. 11 current Chill Grants are in the works.
- Environmental issues and contamination continue to be an issue at the corner of Okemos and Hamilton (Four Corners) area.

8. OPEN FORUM

- Vice-Chair Robinson shared her concern about being singled out in a prior discussion. Vice-Chair Robinson wanted to acknowledge that the entire group was involved in the conversation.
- Commissioner Whiting-Dobson shared her concern about the Joint Board of Commissioners invitation. She pointed out that there was no mention of the number of commissioners that could attend from each commission on the invitation. In the future if there are plans to limit the number of commissioners then that should be stated clearly in the invitation.
 - o Chair Styka will follow up with Manager Dempsey to clarify and get back to the board.

9. ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Langhals made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 P.M. with no opposition.