Alcona County Commission on Aging

September 23, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

- Call to Order by President Schlicker at 10:04 am
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call
    - Treasurer Rolland Lynch – Present
    - Director Leroy Pinder – Absent (excused)
    - Director Laurie Szczesny – Absent
    - Director Ty Damon - Present
    - President Delores Schlicker – Present
    - Secretary Dr. Robert Turek – Present
    - Director Kelly Von Fintel – Absent
    - Member-at-Large Commissioner Carolyn Brummund – Present

      Also present – Executive Director Wendy Bain, and nine members of the public

- Approval of Agenda
    - Motion by Damon, seconded by Lynch, to approve the Agenda as amended
        - Motion Passed

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
    - Motion by Damon, seconded by Lynch, to approve the August 26, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes
        - Motion passed

    - Motion by Damon, seconded by Lynch, to approve the September 09, 2025 Special Meeting minutes
        - Motion passed

- Public Comment Period – Tenant Fae White spoke regarding an ongoing issue with her telephone.

- Update on the New Building Project by Andy Shaw

- Report by Commissioner Brummund – Budgeting process is ongoing.

- Executive Director's report
    - New budget presented to the Board. It is a work in progress.
    - Ty is working on a "Tree Beautification" grant from DTE.
    - Gym Memberships – 200 Alcona County residents, 21 Out-of-County residents, 26 Day passes also have been purchased.
    - Hours have increased to 6 am to 9 pm. Working on getting weekend hours going.
    - Several meetings have been held, and are scheduled to be held in the Conference Room. A wonderful dinner was prepared by the new ACCOA chef.
    - Cardio Drumming has started in the gymnasium as there have been many attendees. Wendy obtained a $2400 grant to purchase supplies for these classes.

- Surveys are being distributed to determine if Congregate Meal lunches or dinners are more preferable. All other are centers provide lunches, not dinners.
- Carry out meals have been done and more are planned.
- Ty has volunteered to fill a newly created position of ACCOA Director of Development.
- Wendy attended a walk-through of PACE facilities in Alpena.
- Possible government shutdown in October would affect funding. Community Services Block Grant funding has been cut by 29 million dollars.
- Still a shortage of Direct Care Workers to meet the rising number of requests for services.
- Transportation bus has been sold and ACCOA got the expected dollar amount. Thanks go out to Len Bobick.
- 2314 meals served in August, 406 being Congregate. This was an increase of 101 over July totals.

- Motion by Damon, seconded by Lynch, to approve the budget as presented by Wendy, with acknowledgement that continued work and alterations will be forthcoming and ongoing.
    - Roll Call Vote
        - Turek – Yes
        - Schicker – Yes
        - Lynch – Yes
        - Damon – Yes
            - Motion passed

- Treasurer's Report
    - Motion by Turek, seconded by Damon, to accept the Treasurer's Report as provided, subject to audit.
        - Motion passed

- Committee Reports
    - Finance Committee – Committee recommendations were voted upon and approved at the September 09, 2025 Special Meeting.

- Unfinished Business
    - Motion by Damon, seconded by Lynch, to approve up to $1000 to make safety and accessibility improvements to front parking lot and sidewalk, in lieu of a complete second coat of paving.
        - Roll Call Vote
            - Turek – No
            - Schlicker – Yes
            - Lynch – Yes
            - Damon – Yes
                - Motion passed

- Director Damon reports that efforts at decorating the Sunrise Center are proceeding, with more promotion being needed to get more interest.
- Update by Director Damon as to the status of moving and utilizing the generator at the new building for the purpose of protecting walk in cooler and freezer.
- Update by Director Damon on the fitness center scholarships being offered by Dr. John Matey and his wife Alicia Ulrich. The Board resolved to send a Thank You letter for the generous gift.
- Discussion regarding paying outstanding tradesmen and vendor bills. Director Damon reported that an attorney has been contacted and more concrete steps in this direction are expected within one week.

- New Business –
  - Motion by Lynch, seconded by Schlicker, to have Director Damon continue on as Board representative in dealing with building project bills and expenditures.
    - Motion passed (Damon recused himself)

  - Motion by Damon, seconded by Lynch, to have Secretary Turek continue on as the point of contact pertaining to any ongoing legal proceeding.
    - Motion passed (Turek recused himself)

- Public Comment Period – A question was asked as to whether there will be street lights in the bungalow area as well as finishing of the lawns. Elizabeth Connolly had several questions regarding the construction project. Andy Shaw discussed alternate idea for temporary lining of the pickleball courts.

- Director Final Comments & Concerns-
  - Director Damon speaks about his new position of ACCOA Director of Development and some project funding he is working on, as well as further updates on decoration of the Sunrise Center moving forward.
  - Secretary Turek comments regarding tenant concerns and complaints and ACCOA responsibilities, or lack thereof, as a landlord. He also suggested detailed questions be directed to, and answered by, the developer if possible.

- Motion by Turek, seconded by Damon, to adjourn
  - Motion passed at 11:55 am

Meeting adjourned until the 10 am, October 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Mike Szczepanowski, Board Secretary