Alcona County Commission on Aging

Regular Board Meeting
January 27, 2026

- Call to Order by President Mendyka at 10:02 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call-Board Members
  - President Ryan Mendyka-Present
  - Vice President Delores Schlicker-Present
  - Secretary Kelly VonFintel-Present
  - Treasurer Ken Kosal-Present
  - Dir. Rolland Lynch-Present
  - Dir. Mike Szczepanowski-Present
  - Dir. Leroy Pinder-Present
  - Dir. Karina Sharboneau-Present
  - Dir. Laurie Szczesny-Absent
  - Member-at-Large Commissioner Carolyn Brummond-Present
    - Also present-Executive Director Wendy Bain, and several members of the public

- Approval of December Special Meeting minutes- Mendyka noted two typos at the end of the minutes regarding the time. Adjournment was 11:11 a.m and not 10:11 as written. Motion to approve December minutes made by Schlicker, Szczcpanowski seconded. Motion passed.

- Approval of Agenda
  - Motion to approve agenda with corrections noted that December meeting was a Special meeting not a regular meeting. Motion made by Schlicker to approve agenda, Pinder seconded. Motion passed.

- Public Comment
  - No Public comment.

- Presentations
  - NEMCSA-No presentation today.
  - Carolyn Brummond-Handed out a copy of an email regarding Early Wildfire Detection Technology, and information on where to send letters in support of this option.

- Executive Director's Report
  - Ty Damon is actively seeking grant opportunities. Five grants have been sought-one rejected, one for Curtis Twp. was granted. Three others are still being considered. One was for crafts for seniors, one was for a community walking trail. He is in the process of getting those programs up and running.
  - 2439 meals were served and 387 of those were congregate.
  - There are three people waiting for In-Home services.
  - There are 397 Alcona residents signed up for the gym. 38 out of county. 274 day passes have been sold.
  - January 19 was Membership Appreciation Day. Staff mingled with members throughout the day. Light refreshments were provided. No negative comments were heard.

- NEMCSA is doing their annual I.H.S. audit today.
- February 9-13 is the annual financial audit with Stephenson and Company
- Silver Sneakers is up and running now.
- Someone donated a volleyball net and ball.
- Bookings- Two baby showers, a birthday party, MSU Extension is having their Volunteer Dinner here and two weddings are going to be booked.
- Wendy had a visit from Oscoda Community Center administration. Ideas were shared between both parties for ideas and suggestions.
- Wendy noted that there is not an option for couples to come into the gym.
- A committee for gym memberships and rental fees will be started. Wendy, Karina, Ken, Carolyn and Mike expressed interest in being on such a committee. Mike mentioned a non-board member that would like to be part of such a committee.

- Treasurer's Report
  - Ken gave his report. Account balance is $723,537.85.
  - He also stated that 14 of the 16 vendors that needed to be paid for building the center have been paid. The final two vendors have not yet submitted their documents so that is holding up their payment.
  - VonFintel made a motion to accept Treasurer's report. Seconded and passed.

- Secretary's Report
  - Draft minutes provided for board members to peruse.
  - An email was received from Laurie Szczesny stating she will be resigning from the board. Pinder made a motion to accept the letter. Seconded and passed.
  - We will have an election to bring in another board member.

- Committee Reports
  - No committee reports at this time.

- Unfinished Business
  - Security camera system quote review-Mike Suitor gave us a few more options to go over for the additional cameras needed in the building. Kosal suggested we table this issue until the Financial Committee can talk over the quotes.
  - Generator project status-Mendyka contacted Generac about installing a generator capable of powering the entire facility. There is no quote yet. They are sending someone to look at the building to see what we need exactly. Kosal had a conversation with Cam Cavitt about getting help for what we need from the state.
  - By-Laws Review Committee-VonFintel is chairing a By-Laws Committee. Brummond, Schlicker, Mendyka have volunteered to be a part of that committee.

- New Business
  - Possible agreement between ACCOA and AMAESD for gym membership
    - Dan O'Connor asked if we might entertain the idea of accepting a fee for yearly membership for employees of Alcona Schools.
    - Schlicker brought up the fact that the gym lights are all on all day. She wanted to know if there was a way to turn some of them off when they aren't in use. Kosal investigated motion lights with an acquaintance.

- Sharboneau has heard, in public, that there are some people that are utilizing the gym without paying for it. There needs to be a better way to check people in and out.
- Lynch brought up people being able to hang pictures they've painted to be sold. Nothing will be hung up until Pinder finishes the frames for the permanent things that are to be put on the walls. Mendyka recognized Ty Damon in the audience. He is working on getting the building decorated. He is also working on grant money to see about helping with this.

- Public Comment-
  - Ty Damon, Harrisville Twp.-wanted to thank the board for their leadership and outstanding job they've done in paying the vendors.
  - Sara Healy, Lincoln-Please consider changing the shape of the table or the setting up of the room as quieter voices are hard to hear. She would also like to be considered for the gym committee.
  - Charlotte Beaver asked about what kind of shoes she should wear in the gym. Discussion has already taken place about this subject. We asked for shoes that do not mark up the floor. We ask for common sense thoughts. Please wear clean, dry shoes. Dry them off if they are wet. There are mats at every door to wipe their feet on.
  - Michelle Krisan, Lincoln-suggested that athletic passes to use to get in and out of the gym to prove that they have paid.
  - Josie Schmidt, Alcona Twp- she runs the cardio drumming program. She feels shoes should be changed if people wear boots. Dry shoes are less dangerous for slipping.

- Additional Comments-Leroy Pinder asked the public in attendance for ideas to help with some of the public comment ideas. He also suggested people join committees or volunteer.

- Motion by VonFintel, seconded by Pinder, to adjourn.
  - Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.

Meeting adjourned until February 24, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Kelly VonFintel 2-24-26

Kelly VonFintel, Board Secretary