

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging

September 6, 2024 | 9am – 11am | Remote Via Zoom

Join by Zoom:

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AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order: 9:02am**
- II. **Roll Call** - Present: Ballard, Gress, Reynolds, Herzig, Astrein, Heckendorn, Cooper, Foreman, Somerville, Absent: Green, Thompson, McKinney
- III. **Public Participation** - Gary Munce: Appreciated opportunity to present, excited to discuss a Senior Millage
- IV. **Commission Response to Public Participation** - Also excited to discuss Millage
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** August 2, 2024, 9:06am: Moved: Reynolds Seconded: Herzig. The minutes were approved.
- VI. **Discussion Items**
 - a. Theresa's Law – Justine Bykowski (HB4841): **Problem:** Inadequate training for direct care workers in Adult Foster Care Homes. No medical degree is required for staff or inspectors. **Issue:** Medical errors in nursing homes are frequent, with 73% of other states prohibiting non-medical staff from administering medication. **Key Question:** Who will fund the nurse responsible for monitoring the nursing homes? **Next Steps:** Motion tabled to the next meeting regarding the Commission's endorsement of Theresa's Law (HB4841) and recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.
 - b. **Say Yes to Seniors** – Gary Munce: **Goal:** Proposed senior millage to be included on the ballot, following approval from the Board of Commissioners (BOC). **Campaign Development and Strategy Discussed, Public Engagement, Public Concern and Future Talking Points** discussed.
 - c. **Subcommittee Updates**
 - i. **Communications** – Larson, Heckendorn, Green, Cooper: No Updates
 - ii. **Moving Forward/Future Planning/Millage** – Herzig, Cooper, Astrien, McKinney, Ballard, Foreman: **Planning and Implementation Timeline, Communication and Outreach, Draft Document Review, Feedback and Suggestions** discussed.
- VII. **Report from the Board of Commissioners (Upcoming Meetings):** Presentation from Deputy County Commissioner on structure of Office on Aging – recommend tuning in on September 18th at 5:30PM
- VIII. **Report from the Chair: Increased Service Requests:** Recent surge in service requests via the website, with about 5-6 requests in the last month, indicating greater public engagement.

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- IX. **New Business - Commissioner Terms and Renewals and Procedures** discussed.
- X. **Setting Next Meeting** – October 4, 2024
 - a. Discussion with Justine and Patricia on support and motions related to Teresa's Law.
 - b. Presentation from Washtenaw County Emergency Management and a representative from the weatherization program.
- XI. **Adjournment:** 10:48am

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<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLR9rFHLfXEKHiQa3DQzHLSmdjIcf00Jtb>

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