

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging

November 1, 2024 | 9am – 11am | Remote Via Zoom

Join by Zoom:

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AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order:** Called to order at 9:02am
- II. **Roll Call:** **Present-** Ballard, Larson, Gress, Reynolds, Thompson, Green, McKinney, Cooper, Foreman, Somerville **Excused-** Herzig, Astrien, Heckendorn
- III. **Public Participation:** Monica Prince from Ypsi Senior Center – shared her concerns related to the millage and how funds will be allocated.
Gary Munce – verbalized support for COA and senior millage and encouraged participation from these agencies in how the millage funds are allocated. Barbara Niess-May from Ypsi Meals on Wheels – shared concern over how the millage funds will be spent and encouraged working with already established partners instead of starting new programs. Moonson – Human Services Supervisor at OCED – shared concern over duplication of effort in creating a new department instead of connecting with currently established departments to do the work
- IV. **Commission Response to Public Participation:** Expressed similar concerns as the public. Subcommittees have been discussing and will be bringing forth a resolution as well as workgroup post-election. Across the board, the central location for seniors to have an entry point is a good place to start.
- V. **Approval of Minutes** – October 4, 2024, **Moved:** Reynolds **Seconded:** Foreman **Motion passes** 9:22am
- VI. **Discussion Items**
 - a. Department of Aging Services and Millage Priorities – Deputy Administrator Andrew DeLuw - Presentation of first draft of Department of Aging Services with focus on transparency. Funding will be available in January, reflected on December tax bills. Expecting early 2025 for hiring and implementing the infrastructure and late spring to get the office off the ground. There is currently no timeline for when funds will be spent. Any interest accumulated would stay in the fund and be able to be spent for the same purpose.
 - b. **Subcommittee Updates**
 - i. **Communications** – Larson, Heckendorn, Green, Cooper **No updates**

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- ii. **Moving Forward/Future Planning/Millage** – Herzig, Cooper, Astrien, McKinney, Ballard, Foreman: Drafted a resolution recommending that the CoA form a workgroup to advise and support the framework for the millage. Roll call vote – 6. **Tabled until the next meeting** as there is not quorum (7). This agenda item will be added to the next meeting and to request interest in being on the workgroup.
 - iii. **Townhall** – McKinney, Heckendorn, Reynolds, Thompson No updates
- VII. **Report from the Board of Commissioners ([Upcoming Meetings](#))** No update
- VIII. **Report from the Chair:** None
- IX. **New Business:** None
- X. **Setting Next Meeting** – December 6, 2024
- XI. **Adjournment**

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