

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP- COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION

OCTOBER 9, 2025

ADMIN CONFERENCE ROOM

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

ABSENT: Chair Styka, Commissioner Maingu

Board Liaison: Trustee Wilson

STAFF: Human Services Specialist Love

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Discussion about "Consent Agenda" wording to be changed to "Agenda" as we typically do not have a "Consent Agenda".

Commissioner Whiting-Dobson moves to approve October 2025 agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Webster. Motion Carried 6-0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Whiting-Dobson moves to approve September 2025, minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Webster. Motion Carried 6-0

4. OLD BUSINESS

A: Ingham County Housing and Homeless Millage Grant

- Meridian Cares was awarded an \$80,000 grant over 2 years to support housing and homeless in Meridian Township.
- On 10/7/25 the Township Board moved to approve the Township application and acceptance of grant funds.
- Specialist Love will turn in the signed paperwork to Ingham County to receive the first installment of the grant.
- Commissioner Turimella suggested we change the headers on the Needs Fund Report going forward to show where the dollars will be coming from (Meridian Cares, Ingham Grant or Outside Leverage).

B: School Supply Project

- This project is now completed. Meridian Cares gave \$225.00 gift cards to all 12 school buildings in Meridian Township. Each building signed off on receiving the Meijer food only gift card to purchase snacks for their buildings.

C: Mobile Health Clinic

- Commissioner Webster provided an update on two flu clinics provided by the Sparrow Mobile Health Clinic on October 23rd at Grange Acres and Edgewood Village.
- Upon further examination there were several errors in the flyers provided by Sparrow. Commissioner Webster will connect with Charity at Sparrow to have the corrections made.
- Specialist Love will send digital copies of the flyers to all commissioners once corrections are finished.

D: Coat Drive/Recycling Day

- The coat drive coordination with the Meridian recycling day was a huge success.
- Deb Windsand from Okemos Community Church is coordinating the distribution.

E: Holiday Food Assistance

- Requests are coming in now for holiday food assistance.
- As of 10/8/25 the committed Holiday Food Assistance fund has \$10,912.29 on our way to a \$11,500 goal.
- Specialist Love will communicate with the commission in the first week of November the plan for distribution and timelines.

F: Santa's First Responders

- The date for this event is Saturday, December 13th.
- Commissioner Orr has been working with Walmart to help us secure some food items for this event.
- Specialist Love will reach out to Lisa Johnson at Walmart to check on status of donations of food and potentially crockpots.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A: Ambulance Waiver Requests

- Specialist Love presented the board with two Ambulance Waiver requests.
 - o Rounds were approved for 100% exemption.
 - o Coy was approved for 50% exemption

6. HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT

- September Emergency Funds Used: \$4,197.95
- Cash balance sits at \$9,545.37 with a money market balance of \$45,463.36.
- The Ingham Grant will help us slow the pace of the Meridian Cares Emergency fund use.

7. BOARD LISASON REPORT

- The Township Board has appointed a new Treasurer. Linda Burghardt who will begin in the next few weeks.
- The Township is negotiating for the Rite Aid building on the corner or Grand River and Central Park for a senior center.
- The Grand Reserve Apartments are open. The duplexes are all occupied: 60 duplexes and 55 single family homes. Rental cost \$3000-4000/month.
- Haslett Village Square should begin construction within 3 weeks.
- Okemos downtown has no movement. The developer will not allow anything to be done to upgrade the look.

8. OPEN FORUM

- Vice-Chair Robinson reminded the group that AARP does free tax preparation. Those interested in taking advantage, get a reservation quickly they fill up.

9. ADJOURNEMENT

- Commissioner Orr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M. with no opposition.