

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP- COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION

JULY 8, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

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

STAFF: Human Services Specialist Love

BOARD LIASON: Trustee Wilson

ABSENT: Commissioner Maingu

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Styka called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. AGENDA

Commissioner Whiting-Dobson made a motion to approve the July 8th agenda as written. Seconded by Vice-Chair Robinson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written with the change of adding “at” before OHS on 4C.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A: Mobile Health Clinic: Commissioner Webster

- The clinic is cancelling their July 9th date at Edgewood due to low numbers.
- The biggest issue is staffing of the mobile health clinic.
- They will be going to Grange in the Fall for flu shots.

B: Protect the Pack

- Meridian Cares had a table at the event. Vice-Chair Robinson and Commissioner Orr were in attendance. The event didn't seem to be as well attended as in the past. Perhaps power outages and heat were factors.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A: Carriage Lane Food Donation

- On Friday, July 3rd there was a large storm that caused widespread power outages including at the Carriage Lane Apartment complex which had to be evacuated due to a small fire.
- Specialist Love was on the scene with Meridian Township Fire & Police as well as the Red Cross and Carriage Lane Management.
- Meridian Cares is collecting donations to purchase Meijer Food only gift cards to replace cold food items that the residents have lost.
- As of the meeting we have collected about \$6500.00

C: Celebrate Meridian

- Celebrate Meridian is scheduled for Saturday, July 25th. Please reach out to Specialist Love if you are interested in volunteering.

D: Senior Project Fresh

- Specialist Love continues to sign up seniors for the Senior Project Fresh Program which gives qualified individuals \$25.00 to spend on food at a Farmers Market.

E: Back to School Project

- Kiwanis and Rotary have both committed \$2500.00 to our back-to-school project.
- We will talk more about this effort in August and try and make connections for the best pricing.

6. HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT

- May 2026 Highlights
 - o The month ended with \$46,938.83
 - o We used \$3,125.40 in Emergency Needs Funds
 - o Sold 46 Redi-Ride Passes
- June 2026 Highlights
 - o The month ended with \$47,777.54
 - o We used \$6,798.56 in Emergency Needs Funds
 - o Sold 55 Redi-Ride Passes

7. BOARD LIASON REPORT- Trustee Wilson

- Meridian Township residents can now have up to 6 chickens at a single-family home or stand-alone condo.
- Two milage renewals are coming up in November. One is for the Parks, and one is for Police and Fire.
- Friends of the Okemos Library are having a book sale Saturday, July 18th and Sunday, July 19th at the Township Pavilion
- The Township has received a grant to reconfigure the intersection at the Hamilton and Okemos Rd. area. This should drastically improve traffic.
- The Haslett Village Project has been reduced by 1/3 and won't look so congested.
- The next listening session will be at the Pavilion on July 28th at 6:00 p.m. There will be another in October.

7. OPEN FORUM

- Reminder that we will meet on August 12th because we missed a date in February.

8. ADJOURNEMENT

Chair Styka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M. with no opposition.