BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AREA AGENCY ON AGING, REGION X (aka: AAAX)
April 14, 2026

12:50 p.m. Meeting Called To Order

I. Roll Call

John Bartosh, Jasper County-Board Chairman "present"
David Johnson, Barton County-Board Secretary "present"
Bryan Hall, McDonald County "absent"
Daniel Swem, Newton County "present"

Staff Present:
Jennifer Shotwell, CEO
Bill Chase, Fiscal Director
Charlotte Foust, Resource Director
Stormy Cuba, Nutrition Director
Cindy Swadner

Guest attendees present:
None

II. Approval of Prior Minutes:

Daniel Swem *motioned to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting. Motion seconded by* ***David Johnson.*** *Motion carried.*

Daniel Swem *motioned to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 special on-line meeting. Motion seconded by* ***David Johnson.*** *Motion carried.*

III. Business:

Motions:

1. **Revised Organization Chart:** due to funding reduction, the Public Education & Information Coordinator position at central office was eliminated, the revised FY2027 Org Chart was presented.

***David Johnson** motioned to approve the revised FY2027 Organization Chart for the Area Plan. Motion seconded by **Daniel Swem.** Motion carried.*

2. **FY2027 Area Plan Budget:** Bill presented the FY2027 Area Plan Budget. Discussion followed.

***David Johnson** motioned to approve the FY2027 Area Plan Budget as presented. Motion was seconded by **Daniel Swem**. Motion carried.*

3. **FY2027 Contracts:** Jennifer discussed the FY2027 contracts for the following programs:
   - III-B Transportation
   - III-B Legal Services
   - III-B In-home Services
   - III-D Evidence Bases Services
   - III-E FCG In-home Respite Services

A motion for an authorizing resolution to allow Jennifer Shotwell to enter into the above mentioned FY2027 contracts as budgeted was made by Daniel Swem. Motion was seconded by David Johnson. Motion carried. Voice vote to approve motion was unanimous.

IV. Officer/Directors Reports:

Jennifer, CEO:

Federal, State & Ma4 > MO Association of Area Agencies on Aging:

- **Ma4** > Committees formed for shared services, compliance, etc. to save costs; advocating heavily for no 20% reduction in SSGD funding.
- **State** > Budget discussion mentioning a possible Medicaid Meal increase – Bill will go over in his report.
- **Federal** > President's recommendation for Budget; included FLAT funding once again across all OAA services (same budget since 2022); ZERO for LIHEAP, CSBF and CDSME program; and for Alzheimer's programs to be cut in half.

Agency:

- **FY2025 DHSS Monitoring** > Final monitoring visit was 4/7/26. We met in Lamar; all DHSS staff present were impressed with the center. We are finalizing a few minor clarifications on the AgingIS data, but overall, we anticipate an excellent report. THANKS TO BILL.

- **Webb City** > The center's final service day was Friday, April 10. The City will pay us the accumulated depreciation on two items (shed and dish machine) for $6,022.44; this passed City Council last night. They also received a petition from a citizen asking to continue meal service. Discussion followed.

Bill, Fiscal Director:

- **March Monthly MSERS**
- **Statement of Financial Position**
- **Statement of Cash Flows**
- **Budget for FY2027 Area Plan – including the projected funding amounts**
- **Arvest Bank vs. SMB** (Agency's current bank)

Bill presented the above statements to the Board, highlighting several items. He also presented the takeaways after two meetings with Arvest Bank. Discussion followed.

Charlotte, Resource Director:

- **2026 Senior Expo – April 1st** > this was held at the Joplin Expo center's trade show area in the mall. We had 64 vendors, raised $4,865 after expenses.
- **Joplin Elks – March 7** > hosted a breakfast fundraiser – $616 proceeds were donated for senior meals. Lynette & husband, Adrienne & son, and Char served.
- **Slices for Seniors fundraiser in May** > at Gusano's with AAAX getting a percentage of the sales & all delivery tips. The date has not been set yet.
- **SMP Scamboree – May 12** > this education for Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) will be held at the Joplin Senior Center. The Agency will receive $2,500 for hosting the event.
- **Pepper Fest fundraiser** > at the Joplin Empire Market was on August 8th.
- **Grapes & grog 2026** > will be 10/3/26 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.
- **Staffing Update** > Adrienne's Public Education & Information position was eliminated due to lack of funding. She accepted the open receptionist position. Other staff will be handling the SHIP & MIPPA contracts.

Stormy, Nutrition Director:

- **National Nutrition Month** > March was National Nutrition Month with Stormy proudly announcing that the centers raised a total of $25,776.66 during the month. Carl Junction led with $13,728.16, followed by Joplin at $6,148. Everyone put in a tremendous effort!
- **1ST Quarter Home Delivered & Congregate Meals** > From January through March, we delivered a total of 50,211 Home Delivered Meals and served 16,855 hot lunches at our centers; continuing to meet the growing needs of our communities.
- **Catered Meal Sites** > are continuing to perform well overall. Diamond and Golden City are the only locations where participation fluctuates.
- **Webb City's Center Closure** > has resulted in a positive outcome as expected; we have reduced the homebound (HB) waitlist at two centers. Stormy also emphasized that all HB clients in Webb City have continued to receive meals without interruption.
- **DHSS Monitoring** > The nutrition program had only one missing item, which was corrected by submitting the following morning.

V. Guest Comments:

None present.

VI. Adjournment:

Daniel Swem *motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by* ***David Johnson****. Motion Carried.*

2:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting will be May 12, 2026 at 1 PM at the central office

John Bartosh, Chair

David Johnson, Secretary