

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES AREA AGENCY ON AGING, REGION X (aka: AAAX) February 10, 2026

12:55 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 “present”  
Daniel Swem, Newton County “absent”

Staff Present:

Jennifer Shotwell, CEO  
Bill Chase, Fiscal Director  
Charlotte Foust, Resource Director  
Cindy Swadner

**Guest attendees present:**

None

### II. Approval of Prior Minutes:

*Bryan Hall* motioned to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting.  
*Motion seconded by David Johnson. Motion carried.*

### III. New Business:

**Budget** – expenses are continuing to grow, and more budget cuts are expected. Reducing expenses in the primary cost drivers—food and labor—is essential.

- Home Delivered Meals: budget is not increasing. Since COVID, instead of the required 5-meal delivery for Monday – Friday, we have been delivering 7 meals. We are going back to 5-meal deliveries.
- Homebound Wait List: is currently at 51.

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- **Webb City Senior Center:** data was presented for Webb City indicating the number of meals served in the past 6 months (Jul-Dec) is not feasible to withstand. Specifically, the data revealed that of the 292 clients, only 23 ate there over half of the 126 serving days.

## **Motions:**

1. **Webb City Senior Center:** the closure of the Webb City Senior Center to reduce labor & food costs was discussed. The close proximity between Webb City and the senior centers in Carthage, Carl Junction, and Joplin were also highlighted.

*Bryan Hall motioned to approve the closure of the Webb City Senior Center.  
Motion seconded by David Johnson. Motion carried.*

2. **FY2027 Area Plan:** Jennifer presented the FY2027 Area Plan. Plan is out for public comment. Discussion followed.

*David Johnson motioned to approve the FY27 Area Plan as presented.  
Motion was seconded Bryan Hall. Motion carried.*

## **IV. Officer/Directors Reports:**

### **Jennifer, CEO:**

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

- **Ma4 >** January 28th Advocacy Day in Jeff City was postponed due to weather. It is rescheduled to March 9. Jennifer will accompany Lynette, our SHL Coordinator, to the event.
- **US Aging's 2026 Region VII AAA Meeting >** Jennifer attended the meeting in Kansas City on February 5th–6th, noting the significant budgetary uncertainty in the federal landscape.

### **Agency:**

- **FY2025 DHSS Monitoring >** We had first document call on 2/4/26. Final deadline for monitoring is 4/7/26.

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## **Bill, Fiscal Director:**

- December Monthly MSERS
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Cash Flows

Bill presented the above statements to the Board, highlighting several items. Discussion followed.

## **Charlotte, Resource Director:**

- **2026 Senior Expo – April 1st** > It will be held at the Joplin Expo center at the mall. We will have space for 75 vendors (9,000 sq feet). Registration has already secured 44 vendors, with many more expected to join.
- **National Nutrition Month:** occurring in March, all our centers & meal sites are participating in our Dinner Plate Fundraiser friendly competition.
- **Homebound Pet Food:** the Outreach Coordinator is working on a collaboration with the Joplin Humane Society to assist with pet food for homebound older adults.
- **Joplin Elks March 7:** will host a breakfast fundraiser – proceeds to be donated for senior meals.
- **Grapes & grog 2026:** will be 10/3/26 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

## **V. Guest Comments:**

None present.

## **VI. Adjournment:**

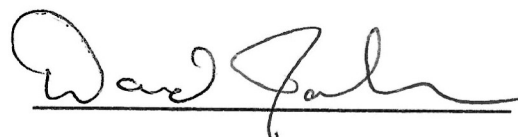
*Bryan Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Johnson.  
Motion Carried.*

**1:40 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**

**The next meeting will be March 10, 2026 at 1 PM  
at the central office**



John Bartosh, Chair



David Johnson, Secretary