BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AREA AGENCY ON AGING, REGION X (aka: AAAX)
August 11, 2026

1:00 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 – Present

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

Guests Present
None

II. Approval of Prior Minutes:

May 12, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes: Bryan Hall moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026, meeting. David Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

June 9, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes: Daniel Swem moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026, Special Meeting. David Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

III. Business:

Motions:

Credit Card for New Carthage Center Manager: Due to a staffing change, a new SMB credit card must be issued to the new Carthage Senior Center Manager, and the former manager's credit card must be canceled.

Motion: Bryan Hall moved to approve the Authorizing Resolution allowing AAAX to obtain an SMB credit card for Lacy Allison, the new Carthage Senior Center Manager, and to cancel the former manager's credit card. David Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

IV. Officer/Directors Reports:

Jennifer Shotwell, CEO:

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

Federal:

- **FFY2027 OAA Reauthorization Act:** The Senate passed the bill on July 14, and the House is expected to consider it in September. The Senate version provides for modest annual funding increases through 2030. However, the Reauthorization Act is NOT appropriations, and funding has remained level for five consecutive years.

State:

- **SSGD Funding:** SSGD monitoring is underway; funding was cut by 20% in FY27. DHSS warned that FY28 will be a "bloodbath" in General Revenue.

Ma4:

- **September Meeting:** scheduled for Sept. 8–9 in Jefferson City. Following the Ma4 meeting, Jennifer will attend the Missouri Rural Health Conference at Lake of the Ozarks on Sept. 10 through a Rural Health Advocacy Fellowship that provides one complimentary day of attendance.
- **Ma4 Summit:** The summit will be held November 1–4. Due to budget constraints, Jennifer will be the sole attendee from Region 10.

Agency Updates:

- **Board of Director's COIs:** FY2027 COI's were reviewed & signed by all Board of Directors.
- **Nutrition Director:** Stormy is currently out of the office.
- **FY2027 Contracts:** All have been signed; the FY27 Contractor List was presented.

Bill Chase, Fiscal Director:

- **June FY2026 MSER Funding:** June FY2026 MSER funding has been received. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has not yet released the FY2027 MSER reporting spreadsheet. Once available, July FY2027 data will be entered and submitted.
- **MIP Cloud Migration:** The migration to the MIP cloud platform has been completed and is expected to generate annual savings of approximately **$5,000**. Customer support services will now be provided by Momentive rather than Stronghold.
- **FY2025 vs. FY2026 Comparison:** Bill presented the June FY2026 financial statements, including a comparative analysis of FY2025 and FY2026 financial results.

Charlotte, Resource Director:

- **SMP Scamboree:** The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) educational event was held in May. The Agency received **$2,500** for hosting the event and plans to host **two to three additional events by May 2027**. Adrienne Weston has been designated as the Agency's **SMP Scamboree Coordinator**.
- **Slices for Seniors Fundraiser:** The fundraiser was canceled after Gusano's required AAAX to guarantee **$5,000 in sales** in order to receive **20% of the event proceeds**.
- **Joplin Small Business Expo:** During the June 6-7 Expo, AAAX representatives provided information to older adults regarding the Agency's programs, services, and benefits.
- **Box Fan Drive:** WIND/KWFC hosted a box fan drive on June 11, resulting in the collection of 24 fans. AAAX also secured funding from Economic Security and Habitat for Humanity to obtain an additional 100 fans. A limited number of fans remain available for distribution.
- **La-Z-Boy Donation:** La-Z-Boy donated **$5,000** in support of the Agency's Grapes & Grog fundraiser.
- **Grants:** AAAX received the following grants:
  - **Lemons Family Charitable Trust: $4,500** to provide additional Ozarks Food Harvest (OFH) groceries in the Joplin area.
  - **Jasper County Association for Social Services: $2,000** to provide additional OFH groceries in Jasper County.
  - **Robert Corley Grant: $5,272** to provide 508 meals for In-Home and Respite clients.
  - **Lozier Community Grants: $3,125** to transition one participant from the Joplin Senior Center Homebound Meal Program from the waitlist into service.
- **Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Conference:** AAAX is partnering with the Alzheimer's Association to host a caregiver conference in late October. The event is tentatively planned for either the Joplin Public Library or the Freeman Business Center and will feature guest speakers, educational opportunities, and connections to caregiver resources and support services.
- **Pepper Fest:** AAAX participated in Pepper Fest at the Joplin Empire Market on August 8 and raised **$280**. This was the final year the event will be used as a fundraiser; however, AAAX may continue participating as an outreach opportunity. Mark McKenzie, Manager of the Joplin Senior Center, promoted the center and encouraged attendees to visit and learn more about its programs and services.
- **MSSU Intern:** AAAX will welcome an unpaid social work intern from Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) beginning next week. Lynette VanWinkle, Family Caregiver Coordinator and former MSSU intern, will serve as the intern's supervisor.
- **Grapes & grog:** The annual Grapes & Grog fundraiser will be held on **October 3** at the **Scottish Rite Cathedral**. The event will feature **live and silent auctions**, as well as a **baked goods auction**.

Stormy, Nutrition Director — presented by Jennifer Shotwell:

- **Joplin Senior Center:** The HVAC system is currently out; the City of Joplin is overseeing the repair work being done. Part are on order. Due to high temperatures, the center will be open only for lunch with no additional activities occurring until the A/C repair is completed.
- **Centers & Catered Meal Sites:** All centers and catered meal sites continue to perform well overall.

V. Guest Comments:

No guests were present.

VI. Adjournment:

Bryan Hall *moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by* ***David Johnson****. The motion carried.*

1:25 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting will be September 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the central office

John Bartosh, Chair

David Johnson, Secretary