

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES AREA AGENCY ON AGING, REGION X (aka: AAAX) May 12, 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
Cindy Swadner

Guests Present

None

II. Approval of Prior Minutes:

*Daniel Swem moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026, meeting.
The motion was seconded by David Johnson. The motion carried.*

III. Business:

Motions:

1. **FY2027 Revised Area Plan Budget:** Bill presented the revised FY2027 Area Plan Budget and highlighted several budget items. An additional allotment, AT2027-2, is anticipated. Discussion followed.

*Bryan Hall moved to approve the revised FY2027 Area Plan Budget as presented.
The motion was seconded by David Johnson. The motion carried.*

2. **FY2026 Revised Area Plan Budget:** Due to new allotment AT2026-3, Bill also presented the revised FY2026 Area Plan Budget. Discussion followed.

*Daniel Swem moved to approve the revised FY2026 Area Plan Budget as presented.
The motion was seconded by Bryan Hall. The motion carried.*

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IV. Officer/Directors Reports:

Bill Chase, Fiscal Director:

Bill reported on the following items:

- **FY2026 In-Kind Commissioner Hours:** Commissioners were requested to submit their hours prior to June 30.
- **MIP Fund Accounting Storage:** Bill reviewed the potential savings associated with migrating the Agency's accounting software to the cloud.

Jennifer Shotwell, CEO:

Agency Updates:

- **FY2025 DHSS Monitoring:** The monitoring process was completed, and the final report was presented. The Carthage center was selected for review. The review meeting was held in Lamar, and DHSS staff commented favorably on the center. The FY2025 fiscal issues were also resolved.
- **FY2026 Contract Monitoring:** is underway and will be completed prior to fiscal year-end.
- **FY2027 Contracts:** Requests for proposals have been published, and contract execution is underway.

Charlotte, Resource Director — presented by Jennifer Shotwell:

- **SMP Scamboree:** The Senior Medicare Patrol educational event was held today at the Joplin Senior Center. The Agency will receive \$2,500 for hosting the event.
- **Slices for Seniors Fundraiser:** A date from Gusano's is still pending.
- **Grants:** The following grants were received:
 - Freeman R. Johnson Trust — \$2,750 to assist older adults with dental care through the Kansas City University Dental Clinic.
 - Fred & Rebekah Hughes Charitable Trust — \$1,000 for digital education in Joplin to help cover staff wages.
 - Joplin Rotary Club — \$1,840 for Powerful Tools for Caregivers education classes.

Stormy, Nutrition Director — presented by Jennifer Shotwell:

- **Webb City Closure:** March and April required several adjustments following the closure of the Webb City Senior Center. Many participants have transitioned to the Joplin and Carl Junction centers and continue to participate in Agency programs and services.
- **Older Americans Month:** In recognition of Older Americans Month, ice cream socials are being organized at all centers this month to acknowledge the continued support of older adults and the community.
- **Catered Meal Sites:** are continuing to perform well overall. Diamond was changed from Fridays to Wednesdays at the request of congregate participants, and we anticipate better attendance.

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V. Guest Comments:

No guests were present.

VI. Adjournment:

*Bryan Hall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Daniel Swem.
The motion carried.*

1:20 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

**The next meeting will be June 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
at the central office**



John Bartosh, Chair



David Johnson, Secretary