



Minutes

General Membership Board Meeting

*6:30 p.m. - Thursday, October 12, 2023
Third Floor Conference Room
233 Middle Street, New Bern, NC
And by Zoom*

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Executive Committee in Attendance:

Bob Cavanaugh, Carteret County Commissioner
Ed Riggs Jr, President – (via Zoom)
Bill Taylor, Treasurer
Frank Emory, 2nd Vice President
Bennie Heath, Greene County Commissioner
Kyle DeHaven, Greene County Manager (via Zoom)
Chadwick Howard, Craven County Commissioner
Shane Turney, Caucus Rep. Craven County
Roland Best, Lenoir County Commissioner
Mark Price, Onslow County Commissioner (via Zoom)

General Membership Board in Attendance:

Ryan Kelley, Town of Indian Beach Commissioner
John O'Daniel, Town of Atlantic Beach (via Zoom)
Patty Leonard, Town of River Bend
Billy Ward, Town of Faison
Diane Brown, Town of Greenevers (via Zoom)
Charles "Twig" Rollins, Town of Magnolia
Cindy Edwards, City of Jacksonville
Evelyn Paul, Town of Grantsboro (via Zoom)
Allen Price, Town of Oriental (via Zoom)
Lorraine Washington, Caucus Rep. Greene County (Town of Snow Hill)

ECC Staff in Attendance:

David Bone, Executive Director
Melinda McGuire, Finance Director
Heather O'Connor, AAA Director
January Brown, Deputy Aging Director
Kim Baker, Lead Aging Program Consultant
Larry Faison, Planning Director
Lee Thompson, Administrative Assistant



1. Welcome, Invocation, and Call to Order

Frank Emory called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and a quorum was met. Shane Turney provided the invocation.

2. Adopt Agenda – Frank Emory, 2nd Vice President

Commissioner Benny Heath motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Patty Leonard; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda – Frank Emory, 2nd Vice President

- a. **Minutes – General Membership Board – June 8, 2023**
- b. **Contribution Based Benefit Cap Report**
- c. **C.E.D.S./Economic Development Update**
- d. **Community Planning & Administrative Services Technical Assistance Update**
- e. **Area Agency on Aging Update**
- f. **Transportation Update**

Commissioner Bob Cavanaugh motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Roland Best; the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Budget & Audit Committee Report – Bill Taylor, Treasurer

- a. **Check Register**
- b. **Financial Statements**
- c. **Committee Information & Recommendations**

The Budget and Audit Committee did not reach a quorum, so they just reviewed the check register.

5. Presentation – Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Thomas Chang, Senior Director of HCBS, Carolina Senior Care

Mr. Chang provided a presentation on PACE services and Carolina SeniorCare's planned facility in New Bern. PACE (The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) is a managed care program for older adults. The program helps seniors avoid nursing homes and instead receive the care and services necessary to help them be safe, comfortable, and healthy while living in their own community. The PACE program allows seniors who need nursing home care to continue living in their homes as long as possible.

Carolina Senior Care's PACE facility will be built on the corner of Bosch and Neuse Blvd. New Bern. Construction is expected to begin later this year, and the facility is slated to open in the Fall of 2024. The facility will serve all of Craven, Jones, and Pamlico counties, as well as portions



of Beaufort, Carteret, Lenoir, and Onslow counties (the State divides service areas by zip codes). Several questions were asked about the program.

6. Presentation – Report on the Grocery Reimbursement Program – AAA Director Heather O'Connor and Finance Director Melinda McGuire

ECC's Grocery Reimbursement Program was used to help older citizens with \$500 worth of groceries. The program was funded with some of ECCAAA's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. There were 2,170 people who were helped by the program. The effort was beneficial to many seniors who were dealing with hunger issues exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and provided a wonderful opportunity for us to impact our region's communities in a very positive way. Lessons were learned during the administration of this program, and ECC will utilize this information in the administration of future programs.

7. Executive Director's Report – David Bone, Executive Director

The following are some highlights of Mr. Bone's report:

- The upcoming Transportation Summit on October 19th. Director Bone encouraged all to come to the event and we have had a good number register already. DOT Secretary Gary Hawkins will be the keynote speaker.
- ECC has received the designation of Southeastern Crescent Local Development District.
- There is a handout for several workshops that will take place soon.
 - Brownfields Training on November 15, 2023
 - Disaster Recovery Workshops at Jones County Civic Center on October 23rd, LaGrange Community Center on October 24th, and at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City on October 30th.
- October is Residents Rights Month (Anti-Bullying)

8. Member Comments

Bennie Heath made a comment about the value of PACE and said the average nursing home stay is approximately \$7000 per month. Ryan Kelley said with memory care it can be as much as \$10,000 per month. January Brown said that residents must pay down assets until they qualify for Medicaid and that the PACE program was similar.

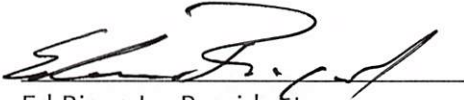
9. Adjournment

Motion by Bennie Heath, Second by Roland Best.
Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



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Sincerely Submitted,



Ed Riggs Jr., President



David Bone, Executive Director