MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING 
BOARD MEETING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007, 
AT THE REWEY MEAL SITE, REWEY, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Geri Peterson at 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL: Betty announced that we did have some guests at the meeting from the Rewey Meal Site and they introduced themselves to the Commission on Aging Board. They were Lewis Walter, Jean Pinch, Naomi Zimmerman, Lois Menniga, Christine Rowen who is the Volunteer Meal Site Manager at Rewey. Roll call was taken by Betty Walsh.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Benish, Carol Brown, Lorraine Drews, Lorraine Fritsch, Lorraine Jones, Eva Kraak, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Phyllis Reddell, Phil Roberts, Mildred Swedlund, Cecile McManus.

STAFF PRESENT: Judy Lindholm, Betty Walsh and Nancy Howard.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tom Mueller, MaryClaire Murphy and Rosalie Zweifel.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CERTIFICATION OF THE MEETING: Judy Lindholm reported that the meeting had been posted and certified as required by law. A motion was made by Ron Benish and seconded by Margaret Peat to approve the certification. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 5, 2007: Judy Lindholm reported that there had been an addendum to the agenda. Under the Transportation Coordinator’s Report, a. Participation in the 5310 Grant to purchase a wheelchair lift equipped vehicle to Replace the Veteran’s Service Van. With the above addendum a motion was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by Carol Brown to approve the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2007: A motion was made by Ron Benish and seconded by Lorraine Fritsch to approve the September 7, 2007 minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy reviewed the expenses including vouchers 1225 through 1249 totaling $24,633.85 and income including vouchers 1250 through 1256 totaling $21,173.01. She then handed them out to the Board for review. Judy stated she wasn’t sure how the vouchers would be reviewed in the future as there is a resolution to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors considering if the new administrator should be reviewing
them. A discussion ensued and no action will be taken at this time. Ron and Phil will discuss this issue at the Iowa County Board of Supervisors Meeting.

**BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORTS AND TRAINING:** Nancy handed out the Benefit Specialist Report for September and reviewed it with the Board. She stated that their numbers were down. However, Senior Care will be coming up for many people to renew. There is open enrollment starting November 15, 2007. Nancy stated that people will probably be asking many questions about enrollment. Judy asked about Medicare Part D. Nancy stated there 57 different plans for individuals. Nancy reported that there is much more to learn about these plans and it is still hard to understand all of these at this time. A discussion ensued.

Nancy reported that she and Donna Peterson from the Extension Office have been working on a food share presentation encouraging seniors that are under 200% of poverty to apply.

**COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS:** Nancy Howard reported that Shelly had sent an email stating she would not be able to attend the meeting but did send some information.

WHEAP started on October 1, 2007 and appointments are being scheduled. Nancy reported that Marlin Harms is planning on going to the meal sites to talk about Energy Assistance but she wasn’t sure when he was going. Nancy reported that Social Services has been doing presentations regarding Elder-Care. Dan and Janet have been doing presentations in regards to Elder-Adult and Adult-at-Risk populations and how to report potential abuses.

**AREA AGENCY REPORTS – MARYCLAIRE MURPHY:** MaryClaire was not available to give a report as she had a meeting with the Area Agency today.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT – MARGARET PEAT:** Margaret reported she and Lorraine Drews attended the meeting in La Crosse on September 21, 2007. Margaret reported that it changed her opinions towards minorities. They discussed several things including the Area Agencies being one big state wide organization. Her minutes will be on file in the COA Office when she gets them. Margaret stated that the next meeting would be on November 16th in Tomah. WI. Judy asked if they reported any action on the State budget and Margaret stated they did not. A motion to approve Margaret’s report was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by Mildred Swedlund. Motion carried without negative vote.

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR’S REPORT:** Betty handed out the Transportation Report for the month of September and reviewed it with the Board.

a. **Participation in 5310 Grant to purchase a wheel chair equipped van.** Judy reported that she and Betty had attended a Transportation Task Force meeting on October 4th with Tom Schroeder, Director of Hodan Center, Kathy Miller, Program Manager for Green County and Carol Benson, Director of the Center on Aging in Lafayette County and June Meudt, Director of the Iowa County Health Department. Tom Schroeder who has been getting 5310 grants for many years is willing to include the Commission on Aging in that process. We
would be able to include our vehicle request in his 5310 grant. Judy reported we do not have to make any final decisions now but handed out the different types of smaller vehicles that would be available for us. Judy stated that we initially thought that the minivan would be the best for our purposes. After looking at the pictures we found out that the lowered floor mini-Van would not be very accessible for our needs because only two people could get in if there was a wheelchair person and only 3 people otherwise. Judy showed the Board the pictures of the different buses and types available through this grant and the Board felt that the accessible minibus which would hold 7 people and one wheelchair would be much more feasible. When we have only 5 people to ride the bus we could use the mini-bus instead of our larger bus which in the long run would be more useful and less costly. Judy reported that we do not have to make any final decision on this yet but must get a letter of intent off to Tom Schroeder to apply for a smaller mini-bus. This is just the letter of intent and would not make us liable to continue if we decided not to. Judy stated that if we would decided to ask for the 5310 Grant it would cost about $9,000 but at this point a final decision does not have to be made. A discussion ensued and after the discussion a motion was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Carol Brown to have Judy write the letter of intent to apply for the mini-bus. Motion carried without negative vote.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND TRAINING:** Judy reported that the White House Budget Office gave the Wisconsin AoA and OAA the Programs Highest Rating which we are proud of. Judy reported we do not know how the State budget bill will effect us yet as it has not been passed. She reported that at the Transportation Task Force meeting Judy reviewed the 85.21 Grant and what we are planning for next year.

**ADRC REPORT:** Judy reported the ADRC is meeting regularly and that each one of the eight County Boards will have to pass a resolution before the end of the year in order for the ADRC work group to submit an application.

**STRAP REPORT:** Judy reported the STRAP Grant had been submitted. Iowa County is working with Grant County to get a taxi service in Dodgeville 1 or 2 days a week. This would be funded through the STRAP Grant if it is approved by the State DOT.

**ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT:** A motion was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by Lorraine Fritsch to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the COA Board will be held on November 2, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at the Dodger Bowl in Dodgeville, WI with the Volunteer Banquet to follow at 12:00 noon. Anyone bringing a guest will be asked to pay $13.75.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted;

Betty Walsh, COA Secretary

Eva Kraak, COA Board Secretary