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Barron County Commission on Aging
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Government Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium

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<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Estimated time</u>
1. Call to order and introductions	9:00 am
2. Public Notice Compliance	
3. Approval of agenda	
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes – August 19, 2025	
5. Public comment	9:05 am
6. Fiscal Report	9:10 am
7. 2026 85.21 Grant Application (vote)	9:15 am
8. Advocacy and legislative issues	9:25 am
a. Federal: Government Shutdown update, SNAP Admin update, Marketplace update	
b. State: Healthy Aging Grant, Speaker's Taskforce on Elder Services	
9. Staff reports and program updates	9:40 am
a. Nutrition & Transportation Programs	
b. Daybreak/Family Caregiver Programs/Health Promotions	
c. ADRC report	
d. Director's updates	
10. Future Agenda Items – 85.21 Grant Submission (vote)	10:25 am
11. Next Meeting – November 18 th , 2025	
12. Adjournment	10:30 am

DATESAVER: 85.21 Grant Public Hearing – Thursday, November 6th, 10:30am, Government Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium

To ensure a quorum, please e-mail or call Tristy at 715-537-6172 and advise if you will be attending this meeting. Thank you.

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cc: Anderson,Rasmussen,Krug,Heil,Wenzel,Vaughn,Knoll,Neuheisel,Hakseth,Jako,Administrator,CountyClerk,Webmaster, Staff, Okey

Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.
Government Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Members present: Patti Anderson, Stacey Wenzel, Kathy Krug, Diane Vaughn, Kelli Rasmussen, Deb Neuheisel, and Carole Knoll
Absent: Bob Heil and Cheryl Hakseth
Others present: Jennifer Jako, Darby Smith, Alisa Lammers, Tristy Hopp, and Jeff French

Chair Patti Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

Public Notice Compliance: Tristy Hopp stated we were in compliance with the open meeting Public Notification Laws.

Approval of the Agenda: Diane Vaughn made a motion to approve the agenda, Deb Neuheisel seconded, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes (July 22, 2025): Kathy Krug made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Diane Vaughn, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

2026 Budget Request (vote): Tristy distributed the proposed 2026 budget detailing program revenues and expenses. Tristy reviewed the worksheet outlining what the 2026 proposed budget is along with the suggested levy request. Our levy request for 2026 would be \$1,010,269, including \$440,433 in in-direct costs. Questions were posed and answered by Jennifer and Tristy. Administrator French provided input on the budget as well. Investing in Aging programs such as Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining, Transportation, health promotions, respite and all the supports this department offers helps keep older adults independent in their homes and delaying or not having to move into more expensive long term care settings, such as nursing homes, where people quickly run out of personal funds and would look to publically funded benefits. Kathy Krug made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Deb Neuheisel, motion carried.

Fiscal Report: Tristy distributed the July 2025 fiscal summary report and reviewed the program's revenues and expenditures.

5310 Transportation Grant Application (vote): Jennifer announced that we will be replacing a vehicle in our fleet with an ADA accessible mini-van rear entry vehicle. Replacement for van #20 of our fleet is due to high mileage and has met its useful life per DOT requirements. This is a competitive grant with an application deadline of August 29th. Anticipated required match for Cycle 50 for a rear-load ADA accessible minivan to replace #20 would be \$16,428. Diane Vaughn made a motion to approve the 2026 Section 5310 Application for Vehicle Capital Grant for submission, Kathy Krug seconded, motion carried.

Staff Report & Program Updates: (a) Nutrition & Transportation Programs – Darby Smith distributed a handout to show the new suggested contribution amount for Congregate Meal Sites. This is how we help inform participants about the full cost and funding sources to provide the program. Participant contributions are an important revenue to sustain programming. Darby reported that she received additional Senior Dining funding from the State via a competitive grant application to support the pop up dining site for the Men's Shed that is held monthly. Darby also reported that the August Dining at 5 in Rice Lake had 90 participants and Lona's restaurant site had 100 participants at their site this week.

(b) Daybreak/Family Caregiver/Health Promotion Programs – Alisa reported that October 10th is the 10th Annual Caregiver Conference held at Northwood Technical College. They will have vendors, mini breakout sessions, wellness screenings, memory screenings, and hearing screenings. Alisa also reported that she held her third “Stress Less Care Better” workshop for Family Caregivers and having another one November 3rd. Alisa also updated the board that the State passed legislation removing income requirements for the AFCSP program; this will make this resource available to more people. (c) ADRC report – Jennifer reported that the State is transitioning Time Reporting into Peer Place and our agency has requested to make that transition July 1, 2026. ADRCs had 3 options to choose from. Hopeful this date will work best for our office to avoid busier times of the year such as Open Enrollment. Jennifer also reported that the state resource guide is still undergoing changes on the state side and we will continue to use and update our resource guide as well. (d) Director’s updates – Jennifer reported that GWAAR will be conducting our 2025 Self-Assessment review in September and we are on track with all our goals. Jennifer also reported that GWAAR will be doing a fiscal audit in September as well. Jennifer also mentioned the annual Centenarian Celebration is in the planning stage.

Future Agenda Items – 85.21 grant

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 at 9 a.m. at the Government Center Auditorium in Barron.

Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Wenzel, Secretary
Recording secretary: Tristy Hopp

Minutes are not official until approved at next meeting.

Barron County Office on Aging Fiscal Summary
Month Ending September 2025 (75%)

Programs	County Levy	2025 Budget	Revenues		Expenses		Difference
Nutrition							
Congregate	\$39,025	\$335,760	\$221,446	66%	\$221,446	66%	\$ -
Home Delivered	\$211,397	\$910,784	\$547,008	60%	\$547,008	60%	\$ -
Nutrition Ed & Counseling	\$2,450	\$19,989	\$12,332	62%	\$12,332	62%	\$ -
Transportation	\$55,828	\$225,028	\$190,084	84%	\$171,246	76%	\$18,839
Adult Day Care	\$15,168	\$129,536	\$62,392	48%	\$82,113	63%	(\$19,721)
Family Caregiver Support	\$3,032	\$52,156	\$44,501	85%	\$44,501	85%	\$ -
Health Promotions	\$660	\$7,403	\$5,155	70%	\$5,155	70%	\$ -
In-Home Service		\$4,161	\$3,110	75%	\$3,110	75%	\$ -
IIIB Agency Mgmt, Public Info, Visiting	\$10,286	\$66,474	\$62,496	94%	\$62,466	94%	\$30
Administration	\$40,464	\$40,464	\$40,464	100%	\$26,276	65%	\$ 14,188.45
Special Projects		\$11,318	\$8,929		\$9,338		(\$409)
Loan Closet, Aging Mastery, Growing Connections							
Total	\$378,310	\$1,803,073	\$1,197,918	66%	\$1,184,990	66%	\$12,928

In-direct costs (not included above)

\$440,433

\$818,743

\$2,243,506

Trust accounts & scholarship \$'s are not reflected in the revenues or expenses



Quarterly Activity Report

3rd Quarter

Senior Nutrition

4,998
Congregate
Meals

10,444 Home
Delivered Meals

What's New

Caryn Becker our Administrative Assistant is retiring on December 31, 2025

Lisa Robinson will be Caryn's Replacement

Lisa's Position is currently posted

Dementia

A Latte Fun Memory Café
After Dementia Caregiving ends
Men's Shed
Boost Your Brain & Memory
Connection Café for Brain Health
Growing Connections
Savvy Caregiver
Transformational Brain Art
Wits Works

Customers

3,027
Total
incoming
calls

2698 Unduplicated
Customer Served

Health Promotions

Classes Offered

Eat Smart – Move More—Weigh Less
Stepping On
Walk with Ease

Volunteers

Time

- 2,088.25 hours
- 2,545.10 miles

Monetary Impact

- \$74,431.79 for the 3rd quarter