

**Business Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2026**

Commission Members Present: David Anderson, Michael Anderson, and Daneshia Moore

Commission Members Absent: Coty Dunten, and Gwendolyn Hooker

Kalamazoo County Commissioner Present: None

Kalamazoo County Staff Present: Mary Balkema, and Lewis Smith

Administrative Service Provider and Recording Secretary Present: Holly Dean and Erica Patton

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at the Kalamazoo County Building, Board Chambers, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue by Commissioner D. Anderson at 4:32pm and was adjourned until the call of the chair at 4:34pm. Dean conducted the roll call.

Approve Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted No motion was made.

Approve Minutes of the September 3, 2026 Meeting

D. Anderson asked for approval of the meeting minutes from September 3, 2026. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion by Moore

Support by M. Anderson

Motion approved

Public Comment on Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Items

Selina Burks works for Integrated Services of Kalamazoo in Kalamazoo County. She informed the Board how important the funding is for the School Based housing program. She provided a report on the breakdown of the distribution of assistance.

Reports

Financial Reports

The financial reports for September will be reviewed during the next meeting as the reports were not available at the time of this meeting.

Bethany House – A written report of activity was distributed prior to the meeting.

Veterans Initiative – A written report of activity was distributed prior to the meeting.

Hays Park – A written report of activity was distributed prior to the meeting.

Sugarloaf – A written report of activity was distributed prior to the meeting. Additional reports were rolled over to the next meeting due to Hooker's absence.

Old Business

Liability Insurance Bethany House, FUSE, and Keystone – Commissioner D. Anderson agreed to table this to next month's meeting.

Future of Hays Park homes – The Board expressed interest in forming a subcommittee to help decide the next steps for the homes. M. Anderson and Moore expressed interest in serving on this subcommittee.

Add a Finance Subcommittee – The Board expressed interest in forming a subcommittee to receive a better understanding of the Board's financial information. M. Anderson and Moore expressed interest in serving on this subcommittee and would like to meet with Patton individually to learn more.

New Business

Proposal for HOPE thru Navigation – Commissioner D. Anderson agreed to table this to next month's meeting due to Hooker's absence.

Extension Request for School Program – D. Anderson provided background information on the millage, funds, uses, etc. in preparation of Tammy Natho's presentation. D. Anderson then excused himself to avoid possible conflict of interest. Tammy Natho from Integrated Services of Kalamazoo addressed the Board seeking approval to roll over leftover funds into direct client assistance. A motion was made to roll over the remaining funds from the FY26 contract, in the amount of \$28,000, to FY27 contract, and to combine the Fringe, Salary, and direct client assistance budget lines into direct client assistance.

Motion by Moore

Support by M. Anderson

Motion approved

Housing Assistance for Sugarloaf Residents – Balkema suggested this topic should be part of the finance subcommittee. Balkema informed the Board that applications for funding will go before the County Board in November. Funding should start on December 1, 2026.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

None

Commissioner Member Comments

Moore expressed her thanks to D. Anderson for bringing herself and M. Anderson up to speed on all current activities of the Board.

D. Anderson is happy to be working with Moore and M. Anderson. He appreciates their energy and ability to learn and work.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:11pm
Submitted by: Holly Dean

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