

POWHATAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Minutes
4/22/2025

Attendance:

Meghan Carroll, Director
Will Hagy
Lindia Cox
Lynne LaPierre
Connie Thompson
Vernell Straughter

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

Invocation

Lindia Cox provided the invocation.

Public Comment Period

No one from the public attended.

Approval of Minutes

Vernell Straughter motioned to approve the minutes from February 2025 meeting. Lynne LaPierre seconded the motion.

Announcements/Additions to Agenda

No announcements or additions to the agenda

Agency Updates

Program Presentation:

Jayne Lloyd presented information regarding the two programs she operates; Ride Assist Services and Community Matters.

-Vernell Straughter inquired about the financial responsibilities of managing the DRPT grant and a few other operational questions.

-Will Hagy asked for explanation on how the grant process works.

-Vernell Straughter questioned about a previously existing transportation program that does not appear to be in service any longer.

-Several board members discussed the possibilities of expanding communication efforts throughout the community. Will Hagy mentioned this is part of the County's strategic plan as well.

-The expanded GRTC route was discussed a part of transportation conversation.

-Connie Thompson inquired asked how to find the link for Community Matters as she had difficulty going through the Parks and Rec page. Meghan Carroll explained that there is a heavy social medial presence.

Federal Executive Order Updates:

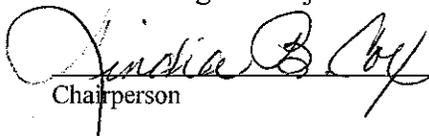
Meghan Carroll shared the most recent Federal Executive Order updates and how they could possibly impact the entirety of the services provided through DSS. One update was specifically shared via email to the DSS board that contained a link to easily access State representatives. There are a few executive orders that have already impacted the Department, removing funding from the heating/cooling program and adult services. Will Hagy explained that approximately 80% of funding to the local Area Agency on Aging (SPAN center) was at risk as well. The cuts affect all age ranges, and many are geared towards preventative programs.

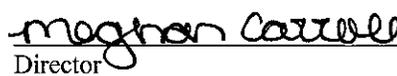
Next meeting

June 24, 2025

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am

 6/24/2025
Chairperson Date

 6/24/25
Director Date