

Tuolumne County Committee on Aging

Minutes of Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024, 1:30 pm

Meeting held at the Tuolumne County Senior Center

1. Call to Order / Introductions

A. Establishment of Quorum

- i. Quorum established – 9 members present.
- ii. COA Alternate Chairman Ryan Campbell, Zandra Bietz, Melody Brotby, Kristi Conforti, John Featherstone, Ted Michaud, Cathie Peacock, Nancy Reggio, Jackie Sample
- iii. Meeting called to order at 1:33 pm

B. Introductions

- i. Committee members performed a formal roll call and gave introductions.
- ii. Zandra Bietz joined the meeting at 1:35pm

2. Public Comments:

A. None

3. Approval of Minutes:

- A. Approval of the August 12th COA meeting was motioned by COA member Kristi Conforti. Second by COA member John Featherstone. Motion passed 8 – 0 – 1. COA member Cathie Peacock abstained.

4. Chairman's Report:

- A. COA Alternate Chairman Ryan Campbell gave an overview of the upcoming "State of the County" town hall events, providing the following details:
- i. The events will cover the County budget and associated challenges and decisions.
 - ii. There will be a focus on financial issues like unfunded liabilities and other associated expenses.
 - iii. There will be a total of 8 town hall events. One will be held on Zoom, and the other 7 will be held at 5:30 pm in each of the County districts.
 - iv. Discussion ensued covering the following topics:

1. When the current grant funding for fire services expires, where will funding for fire services come from?
2. How do taxes and revenue work in Tuolumne County?
3. How is grant funding acquired and who writes grants in Tuolumne County?

5. Treasurer's Report:

- A. The current COA balance is \$10,058.60.
- B. Some financial paperwork and County website resources still show the COA as the "Commission on Aging" instead of "Committee".

6. Reports from Workgroups:

- A. COA member Cathie Peacock provided a written report of COA activities since the last meeting (attached).
- B. Discussion ensued about the upcoming COA Centenarian event, including the following details:
 - i. The event will be held on October 21st at the Tuolumne County Senior Center.
 - ii. Outreach to attendees, honorees, and dignitaries that will attend.
 - iii. Due to the time of year, and other obligations, there are several members of the Board of Supervisors who will not be able to attend.
- C. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Community Roots Resource Fair. The general consensus of the group was that the event was well attended and provided good quality resources and information for seniors. This discussion also led into a side discussion on the challenges faced by seniors living in higher elevations and the challenges they face with safety during emergencies, ability to travel, and access to medical resources.
- D. The committee discussed involvement in the upcoming Health Fair on October 26th. The committee was enthusiastic and supportive of the idea of a COA presence at the Health Fair, and discussion ensued on producing materials and staffing a booth or table.

7. Additional Comments/Questions:

- A. None.

8. Adjournment:

A. Adjourned at 2:26 pm