

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES

June 22, 2026

Minutes

The Mount Rogers Community Services Board of Directors met on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Twin Campus Building in Galax, Virginia.

PRESENT:

Ms. Susie Dixon Garner
Ms. Sandra Venzie
Ms. Sandy Worrell
Mr. Patton Graham
Ms. Michelle DeBord
Ms. Susan Clark
Ms. Joanne Groseclose
Ms. Kristyna Lathem
Mr. Andrew Moss
Ms. Betsy Shearin
Ms. Tammy Terry

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Kris Ratliff
Ms. Kathy Havens

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Sandy Bryant
Ms. Patty Belcher
Ms. Kathy Cressel
Ms. Samantha Crockett
Ms. Laura Davis
Ms. Kayla Fisher
Ms. Wendy Gullion
Ms. Lakesha Mayes
Mr. Richie Pack
Ms. Dedra Helbert
Ms. Kim Woodlee
Mr. Mark Morin
Mr. Shaun Charles
Dr. Bobby Miglani
Ms. Rebecca Martel
Ms. Christy Blevins
Ms. Lorrie Mitchell

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Susie Dixon Garner, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ms. Dixon Garner offered a moment of silence in recognition of the decisions made during the meeting and the people whose lives are affected by the decisions.

III. CITIZEN'S TIME

None.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF May 11, 2026, MINUTES

The minutes of May 11, 2026, were approved by Ms. Kristyna Lathem and seconded by Ms. Sandra Venzie. The motion passed unanimously.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Ms. Kayla Fisher, Director of Executive Office Operations, announced the agency had received various donations for May 2026 for a total of \$6441.93:

- Laurel Family Pharmacy - \$1765.00 – Medical Supplies and equipment
- First United Methodist Church - \$250.00 - Supplies - One Day at a Time Boxes
- Ebenezer Lutheran Church - \$50.00 - Supplies - One Day at a Time Boxes
- Ammi's Barbershop - \$150.00 - Meals- Creating Connection Class
- Sally Moorer - \$250.00 - Meals- Creating Connection Class
- Southwest Virginia Settle's Museum - \$750.00 - Volunteer hours, materials, space rental for arts recovery workshops
- Shirley Lockhart - \$50.00 - Meals- Creating Connection Class
- The Henderson - \$800.00 -Facility Rental Space- Creating Connections and C3 Recovery Groups
- Lincoln Theatre - \$300.00 - Rental Space & Snacks - CHATS
- Agency Hygiene Drive (staff donations) - \$1,100.00 - 220 hygiene supplies -One Day at a Time Boxes
- Anonymous Donors - \$500.00 - Art and group supplies for Creating Connections & C3 Recovery
- Northwestern Community Services - \$400.00 - Facilitating CHATS at the summit
- Ruby Tuesdays - \$23.12 - Dine and Donate community integration fundraiser to support activities and resources for individuals
- Tractor Supply - \$11.99 - 5 bags of miracle-grow garden soil
- Southwest Farm Supply - \$21.82 - 4-pk vegetables and herb cups
- Marlene Beinark - \$20.00 - In memory of donation

MOTION: Ms. Joanne Groseclose moved that the Board accept the donations for May, as presented.

The motion, seconded, passed unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Kayla Fisher, Director of Executive Office Operations provided each board member with a Relias Training Enrollment form, as a result of conversation at the previous meeting where board members asked to have access to this training platform. Any board member who is interested in having access is to complete the enrollment form and return.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Program Presentation – Special Olympics – Ms. Rebecca Martel

Ms. Rebecca Martel presented a slide show of area athletes competing in this year's Special Olympics. Five athletes were also present to present their experience at the event. Ms. Sandy Bryant presented each athlete in attendance with a medal for their achievements.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget and Finance Committee Report

1. Ms. Patty Belcher presented the financial statement for May 2026 for Board review and approval.

MOTION: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Kristyna Lathem, Chairperson, moved that the Board accept the financial statement for May 2026, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Personnel Committee Report

1. Ms. Dedra Helbert presented changes to the Employee Class and Compensation Program which included updated job titles and licenses/certifications in which the agency will approve compensation for.

MOTION: On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Ms. Sandy Worrell, Chairperson, moved that the Board accept the proposed changes as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Chief Executive Officer Report

1. Ms. Sandy Bryant presented Ms. Lorrie Mitchell with a Hero Award. Previously that month Lorrie had stopped to aid an individual in need on her way back to the office. Lorrie helped make sure the individual was moved to safety.
2. Ms. Sandy Bryant presented Ms. Kathy Cressell, Senior Director of Operations, an Above and Beyond Award for her role as project manager in the renovation of the Twin Campus Building.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Program and Administrative Monthly Reports

Ms. Samantha Crockett, Senior Director of Wellness & Community Engagement spoke on an upcoming 5-Bridges Wellness Fair event that is free to the public that will be held Friday, June 26th at Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, VA.

X. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Ms. Tammy Terry moved that the Mount Rogers Community Services Board convene a closed meeting under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act in order to discuss a Personnel matter for the purpose under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) with the Chief Human Resources Officer and Chief Executive Officer present if requested by the board.

Ms. Sandra Venize seconded the motion.

MOTION: Ms. Susie Dixion Garner entertained a motion that the Board to go into an open session.

1. Motion made and seconded, motion carried.

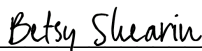
After reconvening into open session, the Board certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in the Executive Session.

No motion needed as a result of the discussion in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on the motion of Ms. Kristyna Lathem, motion seconded which passed unanimously.

Signed by:



Ms. Betsy Shearin, Secretary