

CITY OF BERLIN COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING MINUTES
28th DAY of July, 2026 10:00 AM
Berlin Senior Center

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jodarski at 10:00 AM

Roll Call:

Present: Jimmy Jodarski, Chairman (2029)
Paul Hanan, Vice Chair, Secretary (2029)
Richard Lashbrook (2027)
Mary Hess (2027)
Susan Jungenberg (2029)
Amanda Krause (2027)
Sue Kiener, Senior Center Director
Tracy Klawitter, Berlin City Council Liaison

Guest Speaker: Ryan Bamburg

Jodarski led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments: Guden informed the group of the upcoming Senior Center picnic on August 13th. Guden also informed the committee that if inclement weather including excessive heat and poor air quality were to occur on that date, the picnic would be moved to the Senior Center proper. Notification of any changes will be posted on the Facebook page. Additionally, there will be live music from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Door prizes will also be available during the event. Debra Downen (Treas) & Robert Bonneville (Pres.) from the FoBSC (Friends of the Berlin Senior Center) expressed concerns over the upcoming new changes to be implemented at years end regarding the nutrition program.

Next, Hanan made a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the current agenda, seconded by Jungenberg, & carried by unanimous voice vote.

Next, Jodarski asked for a motion to approve the revenues and expenditures as posted in the current agenda. Hanan made a motion to approve the revenues and expenses, seconded by Lashbrook, & the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bamburg from the ADRC provided all in attendance with an update regarding the Green Lake County nutrition/transportation program. Bamburg disclosed that they have decided to continue forward with a third-party nutrition provider. The new meal provider will be Family Triangle of Berlin. Most importantly, ***THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE INTERRUPTION*** in the M.O.W. (Meals on Wheels), as well as the 'in-house' meals being served at the Senior Center. All M.O.W. & Senior Transport services will now be handled by the County. Guden expressed concern regarding the changeover "Announcement" to the public, as there has been a prolific stream of misinformation/disinformation originating throughout the uninformed public. Bamburg explained that a finalized printed/detailed plan should be available mid-September. Kiener informed the group there will be ***NO CHANGES*** to the current in-house holiday celebratory meal schedule. Kiener also provided the group with the current average number of rides per week provided by the Senior Center was only 4. As of August 1, 2026 the Senior Center Van will be transferred to the County. Kiener restated her "100% Transparency Policy" has been a goal since her induction as director. Bamburg also informed the group that the volunteerism currently in place is an aging population, & would like everyone to reach out to the community for additional volunteer members going forward.

Hanan provided a brief synapse of the new AI (Artificial Intelligence) phishing scams as connected with social media.

Kiener recommended that the Senior Center 'Rental Contract' be updated to fit the current times.

The Directors activities update included;

- There are 2 upcoming day trips: Clauson music show & and the Brewers baseball game
- Birthday meal on August 11th
- FoBSC picnic on August 13th
- Thrasher opera house 'Lunch and Learn' on August 18th
- Basic needs giving partnership grant is in process
- Kiener's duties are now split 50/50 between the Senior Center, & Parks and Recreation
- Parks and Recreation Facilities are now located at 142 N. Water St.
- Senior Center signage update including the 'Parks & Recreation Facilities' is currently being reevaluated. A recommendation from Jodarski was to keep the original signage, and install a additional sign for the Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Kiener recommended changing the C.O.A. meeting time to 9 AM, and follow-up with the individuals not present today

The meeting was adjourned by Jodarski at 12:09pm.

Submitted by:
PAUL HANAN
C.O.A.Secretary