

GREEN RIVER AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

February 3, 2026
Minutes

The Green River Area Council on Aging met on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the GRADD office. There was a quorum with the following people in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS' PRESENT

Daviess	Caleb Farkas, Henrietta Harris, Darla Barker, Stephanie Shaver,
Hancock	Franklin Powers, Christine Schroader,
McLean	Patricia Martinez, Sherry Daugherty
Ohio	George Chinn
Union	George Blakely
Webster	Sondra Norman
Henderson	Connie O'Leary

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Renfrow, Ohio County Senior Services
Mandy Fambrough, Webster County Senior Services
Sandra Martin, McLean County Senior Services
Kim Biggs, Henderson Gathering Place
Preston Wilson
Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Fiscal Court
Bill Cooper, Owensboro Daviess County Senior Center
David Tucker
Ronda Smith, City of Corydon
Nicole Leach, Owensboro Health
David Farley, Kentucky Legal Aid
Kathryn Gould, GRADD
Hayley Morris, DCBS/APS
Melisssa Polites, Union County
Melanie Jones, Five Star
Abbie Newmeyer, GRADD
Kelli King, GRADD
Lexi Cameron, GRADD

Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Chairman | **Adam O'Nan**, Vice Chairman | **Curtis Dame**, Secretary | **Charlie Castlen**, Treasurer | **Kenneth J. Williams**, Executive Director

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Libby Watson, GRADD
Amber Gebhard, GRADD
Lona Morton, Hancock County Senior Center
Stephanie Shaver, VA
Alexis Law, Comfort Keepers

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Chair Henrietta Harris called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW GRADD DIRECTOR

Leslie Wilson introduced Kenny Williams as GRADD new executive director along with Kemp Morgan, the new deputy director.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Henrietta Harris presented the minutes of October 7, 2025, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Connie O’Leary and seconded by Sondra Norman approve the minutes of October 7, 2025, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging. A vote was taken and the motion was carried out.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. SILVER BELLS

Silver Bells bags were distributed with personal and fun items to ease holiday financial burdens. The Ombudsman served approximately 230 residents in personal care homes in the GRADD region. New bedding was purchased for Dave Coe residents who were displaced due to recent fire.

B. OPEN ENROLLMENT REPORT

Abbie Newmeyer gave update on SHIP Open Enrollment, SHIP counselors assisted 193 beneficiaries in the GRADD region with reported savings of \$219, 078.00

C. EMERGENCY MEALS

Abbie Gebhard was pleased to see the preparedness and response each senior center gave towards winter weather. Senior Centers prepared ahead of winter weather with extra and shelf stable meals. GRADD main concern is prolonged periods without face-to-face contact.

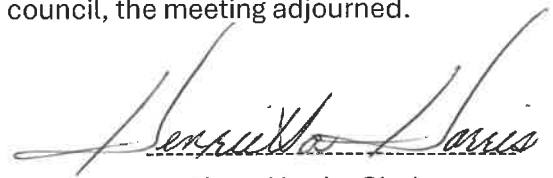
D. PUBLIC HEARING

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Leslie Wilson went over Area Plan Fiscal year 2027-2029. An Area Plan is written every 3 years and submitted to the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL). Program overview included ADRC, Caregiver Program, Grandparent Program, SHIP, Meals on Wheels and senior center services across seven counties. A needs assessment is conducted in September by mail and social media; this gives a guide on the Area Plan to give the highest priority in needs. Statewide goal updates increase transportation services for seniors 60+ and individuals with disabilities in the seven counties. GRADD priorities include addressing social isolation and expanding SHIP outreach and education on Medicare. Plan to increase SHIP marketing and county outreach; senior center directors trained in SHIP support beneficiaries.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henrietta Harris", written over a horizontal dashed line.

Henrietta Harris, Chairperson

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