

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 18, 2021

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on May 18, 2021 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Beth Schlangen, Ed Popp, Scott Johnson, Steve Heinen and Jared Gapinski present. Call to order by Chair Heinen was at 11:46 AM AM.

Johnson/Heinen to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Schlangen requested that Consent Agenda item # 2 be "pulled" for further discussion. Johnson/Gapinski to approve the remaining Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2021 as written. Motion carried unanimously. Regarding Consent Agenda item # 2 (approve agreement between St. Cloud Schools and Benton County Human Services to share costs of transporting children from foster care to school) Schlangen requested more information regarding this. Human Services Deputy Director Sandra Shoberg-Steinbach said that this is an agreement on how St. Cloud Schools and the County pay for transportation for children who are in foster care to get back to their home school district. Shoberg-Steinbach added that we try as hard as possible to keep the children in their home school district when placing them in foster care to help reduce excess costs transporting the children back and forth to school. Shoberg-Steinbach said that it isn't mandated for the schools to transport the children from school to their foster care home and somebody needs to pay for that and the agreement is with the schools and the County to split the cost and it is now mandated for the County to work with the schools to share the costs of transporting children in foster care. Motion by Schlangen to approve Consent Agenda item #2 regarding the agreement between St. Cloud Schools and Benton County Human Services to share costs of transporting children from foster care to school. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Heinen adjourned the meeting at 11:51 AM.

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Steven J. Heinen, Chair  
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

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Montgomery Headley  
Benton County Administrator