

To: Members of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners  
Fm: Randall S. Jones, Director  
Aging Partners  
Date: May 11, 2020  
Subject: Waverly Senior Center

First, let me thank you for your continued support for our Seniors who live both in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

A year ago, this coming June, Aging Partners moved our Senior Center from the Waverly United Methodist Church to the VFW Post in Waverly. The decision to move from the Church site was due to the falling numbers of seniors attending due to the aging of the seniors who traditionally attended. It was thought that by providing a Center from a better-known location, that our attendance would increase.

We have found that this move has not increased our attendance, with only 1-2 parties arriving a day. The Center is open Wednesdays. Meals have been delivered from downtown Lincoln to that Center. Investments to serve this few people are high with the cost of a Center Manager on that day and meal delivery from downtown Lincoln.

The nearest Senior Center is located in Havelock, 7 miles distance.

Aging Partners has attempted to build Center attendance by being creative with our programming and speaking with a variety of groups in Waverly about the Center. This has not produced the results we have wanted.

Services continue to be available to Waverly citizens through our Care Managers, Medicaid Waiver, Rural Transit and Home Delivered Meal programs. These are all in-home based services. Our plan with the few attending the Center will be to welcome their attendance at our Havelock Center which operates daily.

My recommendation is that we close the Waverly lease and continue to seek ways of bringing services into Waverly, but not through a typical Senior Center model. Examples would be to host foot clinics, legal clinics and health classes using the VFW and other sites that are on a scheduled basis.