

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting  
March 6, 2019

Chairman Hentschel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Governmental Center.

OPENING CEREMONIES, EXERCISES OR INVOCATION

Commissioner LaPointe gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PRESENT: Addison Wheelock, Jr., Gordie LaPointe, Brad Jewett, Bryce Hundley,  
Betsy Coffia, Ron Clous and Rob Hentschel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 20, 2019 Regular Meeting  
Minutes of February 27, 2019 Study Session

Moved by Hundley, seconded by Clous to approve the minutes listed above. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Bruce Moore** made comments about the changes to the Board Rules.

**Gretchen Iorio** made comments about morning meetings, Invocation Policy, and changes to the Board Rules.

**Carol Shuckra** made comments about morning meetings and Invocation Policy.

**Kay Keating** made comments about morning meetings, Invocation Policy, and changes to the Board Rules.

**David Petrove** made comments about the Weimer Republic

**Ann Rogers** made comments about trust and transparency in government.

**T.J. Andrews** made comments about changes to the Board Rules.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Clous, seconded by LaPointe to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The purpose of the consent calendar is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one Commission motion without discussion. Any member of the

Commission, staff, or the public may ask that any item on the consent calendar be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected.

If any item is not removed from the consent calendar, the action noted (receive & file or approval) is approved by a single Commission action adopting the consent calendar.

A. RECEIVE AND FILE

1. Northern Lakes Community Mental Health minutes of January 17, 2019
2. Department of Health & Human Services minutes of January 25, 2019 (Pavilions)  
*Removed from calendar.*

B. APPROVALS

1. Resolution 36-2019  
Resource Recovery  
2019 Hauler Licenses
2. Scrap Tire Grant – *Removed from calendar.*
3. Resolution 37-2019  
Finance  
Federal Award (Grant) Policy
4. Resolution 38-2019  
Finance  
Budget Adjustments
5. Medical Services Contract for Jail Inmates – *Removed from calendar.*
6. Resolution 39-2019  
Central Dispatch/911  
Intergovernmental Agreements  
Wexford and Missaukee Counties  
Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP Agreement)

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

After the County Clerk read the Consent Calendar for the record, the following items were removed:

A-2	Page 15	By Coffia and Bruce Moore
B-5	Page 47	By Coffia
B-2	Page 21	By Dave Petrove

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Coffia to approve the Consent Calendar minus items A-2, B2, and B5. Motion carried.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

**a. Cherry Capital Airport – Airport Governance Models**

Stephen Baldwin, Stephen Baldwin Associates, gave a presentation on an Airport Authority governance model. Karrie Zeits, attorney, was available to answer additional questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Judy Pelto** suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee include officials from East Bay Township.

**David Petrove** made comments about the airport.

Moved by Hundley, seconded by LaPointe to create an Ad Hoc Airport Advisory Committee consisting of Commissioners LaPointe and Hentschel and County Administrator, Nate Alger. Motion carried.

Commissioners took a break at 9:17 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:23 a.m.

**b. Department of Health & Human Services – Universal Caseload Problem**

John Rizzo, DHHS board member, explained the problems with the new State's software program. He indicated that many people were not getting the help they need and he would like a resolution of support from Grand Traverse County requesting they be allowed to go back to the old system until the new one is functional.

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Coffia to direct the County Administrator to draft a resolution of support outlining specific points of concern and authorize the Chair to sign the letter and have it sent to our legislature and Governor.

Commissioner Hundley indicated that he will have to abstain due to a conflict of interest.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, Abstain 1

Abstain: Hundley

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

**A2 Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) minutes of January 25, 2019 (Pavilions)**

Commissioner LaPointe gave a brief report on what he said at the DHHS meeting.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Clous to Receive and File Department of Health & Human Services minutes of January 25, 2019 (Pavilions). Motion carried.

**B-2 Scrap Tire Grant**

PUBLIC COMMENT

**David Petrove** made comments about the scrap tire grant.

Resolution 40-2019  
Resource Recovery  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
2019 Scrap Tire Grant

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Clous to approve Resolution 40-2019. Motion carried.

**B-5 Medical Services Contract for Jail Inmates**

Captain Todd Ritter, Jail Administrator, explained the request.

Resolution 41-2019  
Sheriff's Office  
Wellpath  
Medical Services Contract for Jail Inmates

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 41-2019. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS

**a. Finance**

- 1) Approval of Wheelock & Sons Welding Inc. Invoice  
Dean Bott explained the request to approve payment to Wheelock and Sons Welding Inc.

Resolution 42-2019  
Finance  
Approval of Wheelock & Sons Invoice

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 42-2019.  
Yes: 6, Abstain 1  
Abstain: Wheelock

**b. Administration/BOC**

- 1) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Loan Program Income Administration Agreement  
Dean Bott, Finance Director, Dan Thorell, Environmental Health Officer, Chris Brady, and Leslie Casselman, explained the block grants and answered Commissioners' questions.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Coffia to approve the Housing Loan Program Administration Agreement, the Fair Housing Resolution and the program guidelines provided in the packet. Motion carried.

Resolution 43-2019  
Fair Housing Resolution

Commissioners took a break 10:37 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:45 a.m.

2) Director of Equalization

Nate Alger, County Administrator, explained the request to eliminate the contract with the Equalization Director and place this position in the non-contract exempt staffing plan.

Resolution 44-2019  
Equalization Director  
Reclassification

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 44-2019.  
Motion carried.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**a. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee for Code of Ethics**

Chairman Hentschel suggested appointment of the following commissioners to the Code of Ethics Ad Hoc committee:

Coffia  
Clous  
Jewett

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Hundley to approve the appointment of the Commissioners listed above to the Ad Hoc Committee for Code of Ethics.  
Motion carried.

**b. Appointment of Board Representative to Northern Lakes Community Mental Health**

Chairman Hentschel indicated that Commissioner Coffia is unable to continue to serve on the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health board. He indicated that Sherise Shively, Community Corrections, is interested in being appointed to this board.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to appoint Sherise Shively as the County Representative. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

**a. Appoint Ad Hoc Committee – Interview to Fill Vacancies & Recommend Appointments**

Chairman Hentschel suggested appointment of the following commissioners to the Ad Hoc committee that will interview to fill vacancies and recommend appointments

Hentschel  
Wheelock  
Jewett

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to appoint the Commissioners listed above to the Ad Hoc committee that will interview to fill vacancies and recommend appointments. Motion carried.

**b. Additional Changes to Board Rules**

Commissioners received an amended set of board rules to consider.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Betsy Wacker** opposed to board rule changes

**David Petrove** opposed to board rule changes

**Dave Nichols** opposed to board rule changes

**Abe Caldwell** opposed to board rule changes

**Elara Coleman** opposed to board rule changes

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Clous to divide the approval of the board changes into separate sections. Motion carried.

Sections 5, 5.2, 5.4, 11.3

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Clous to approve sections 5, 5.2, 5.4, and 11.3.

Commissioner Wheelock made a motion to amend the motion to strike out “and subject to approval by the Chairperson” in section 5, Agenda For Regular Meetings.

After discussing if this should be an amendment or not, Commissioner Wheelock withdrew his amendment to the original motion.

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Clous to Call the Question.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 4, No 3

Nay: Hundley, Coffia, and Wheelock

Vote on original motion to approve sections 5, 5.2, 5.4, and 11.3 as presented in the packet.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 4, No 3

Nay: Coffia, Wheelock, and Hundley

**Section 6.2**

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Clous to approve amendment to section 6.2

Roll Call Vote: Yes 4, No 3

Nay: Wheelock, Hundley, and Coffia

**Section 6.3.2.2**

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Clous to approve amendment to section 6.3.2.2

Commissioner Coffia indicated that it was now 12:00 p.m. and according to the Board Rules of Order, no new business shall be considered beyond 4 hours after the meeting began (Rule 2.8). Chairman Hentschel declared that they would finish discussing the Board Rules of Order before adjourning.

Commissioner Coffia appealed her decision to the full board and a roll call vote was taken:

Roll Call Vote: Yes 3, No 3, Abstain 1

Nay: Hundley, Coffia and Wheelock

Abstain: Hentschel

\* A tie vote sustains the decision of the Chairperson, and loses the appeal, per 12.2 of the Board Rules.

Commissioner Coffia was excused at 12:04 p.m.

Vote on original motion to approve section 6.3.2.2

Roll Call Vote: Yes 5, No 1, Excused 1

Nay: Wheelock

**Section 6.3.2.3**

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Clous to approve amendment to section 6.3.2.3

Roll Call Vote: Yes 4, No 2, Excused 1

Nay: Hundley and Wheelock

**Section 6.3.2.6**

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Clous to approve amendment to section 6.3.2.6

Roll Call Vote: Yes 4, No 2, Excused 1

Nay: Wheelock and Hundley

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Jewett to take up the last item of business, Amendments to Per Diem Policy.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 5, No 1, Excused 1

Nay: Wheelock

\* Motion failed because it must be unanimous to continue meeting (Rule 2.8)

**c. Amendments to Per Diem Policy – Moved to next board meeting.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Betsy Wacker** made comments about the Department of Health and Human Services and Commissioner Clous' comments.

**Chris Cramer** requested clarification on the appointment of the Ad Hoc Committee that will be interviewing for vacancies.

**William Killey, IV** made comments about Safe Harbor.

**Ann Rogers** indicated that a presentation would be put on at TADL called "The Devil We Know"

COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

NOTICES

**March 20, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

**April 3, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

CLOSED SESSION

None

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Bonnie Scheele County Clerk

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Rob Hentschel, Chairman

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Initials)