

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Annual Meeting
September 18, 2019

Chairman Hentschel called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. at the Governmental Center.

OPENING CEREMONIES, EXERCISES OR INVOCATION

Opening remarks were given by Commissioner Hundley, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PRESENT: Betsy Coffia (8:05 a.m.), Bryce Hundley, Brad Jewett, Addison Wheelock, Jr.
Ron Clous, Gordie LaPointe and Rob Hentschel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 4, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

Commissioner Coffia arrived at 8:05 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the Commissioners during Public Comment:

Bruce Moore
David Petrove
Ted Iorio
Ann Rogers
Gretchen Iorio
Dave Nichols
Al McCullough
Silvia McCullough

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add Budget 2020 Process Update under New Business

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Coffia to approve the agenda with the addition of Budget 2020 Process Update under New Business. Motion carried

Commissioner Coffia requested that a discussion of the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations be included on the October 2, 2019 agenda.

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. All Information identified on the Consent Calendar can be viewed in its entirety at www.grandtraverse.org

A. RECEIVE AND FILE

1. Department of Health & Human Services Minutes of July 23, 2019
2. Department of Health & Human Services Minuets of July 26, 2019 (Pavilions)
3. Michigan Township Association Minutes of September 5, 2019
4. Road Commission Report for September 18th meeting – *Removed from calendar*
5. Expenditure Report >\$5000
6. Conservation District – August Report

B. APPROVALS

1. Resolution 133-2019
Health Department
Michael Collins
Contract Renewal for Medical Director
2. Resolution 134-2019
Finance
August 2019 Claims Approval
3. FY2019 Budget Amendments – Removed from calendar
4. Resolution 135-2019
Administration
Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC)
Amended Compliance Plan

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

b-3	Page 72	By LaPointe
a-4	Page 18	By Coffia

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Clous to approve the Consent Calendar minus items a-4 and b-3.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 7

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

a. County Clerk

1) Board of Canvassers Election

Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk, distributed ballots to the Commissioners for the election of a Democratic and Republican canvasser for a term ending October 31, 2023.

The ballots were collected and the County Clerk will report the results under Unfinished Business.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

a-4 – Road Commission Report for September 18th Meeting

Brad Kluczynski, Road Commission Manager, answered Commissioners’ questions.

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Clous to Receive the Road Commission Report for September 18th meeting. Motion carried.

b-3 – FY2019 Budget Amendments

Dean Bott, Finance Director, answered Commissioners’ questions.

Resolution 136-2019

Finance

FY 2019 Budget Amendments

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 136-2019. Motion carried.

Commissioners took a break at 8:47 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:54 a.m.

DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS

a. Grand Traverse Sheriff’s Office (GTSO)

1) Bailiff Program

Tom Bensley, Sheriff, and Carol Stocking, District Court Administrator, spoke about the request to hire part time bailiffs to work in the Hall of Justice. They also played a video from Probate Court Judge, Melanie Stanton, requesting that the Commissioners approve the bailiff program.

Resolution 137-2019

Sheriff’s Department

Bailiff Program

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Clous to approve Resolution 137-2019.

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Hundley to postpone action on the approval of a bailiff program until the first meeting in October.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 2, No 5

Nay: Wheelock, Jewett, LaPointe, Clous and Hentschel

Motion failed.

Vote on motion to approve Resolution 137-2019

Roll Call Vote: Yes 7

Commissioners took a break at 10:34 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:43 a.m.

b. Administration

- 1) Proposed Dedicated Millage and Special Surcharge Review Policy
Chris Forsyth, Deputy County Administrator, explained the new policy.

Resolution 138-2019

Administration

Proposed Dedicated Millage and
Special Surcharge Review Policy

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 138-2019.

Motion carried.

- 2) Transitional Employee
Nate Alger, County Administrator, indicated that the Board of Commissioner’s Administrative Assistant, Chris Cramer, will be retiring soon and they would like to hire her replacement now to get the new employee trained before Mrs. Cramer leaves.

Resolution 139-2019

Administration

Transitional Employee

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Wheelock to approve Resolution 139-2019.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Distribution of 2% Allocations of Tribal Funding (Hundley)

Commissioners discussed the current process for 2% grant allocations from the Grand Traverse Band. Administration staff would like direction on how to proceed with future grant applications.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Clous that Grand Traverse County go on record stating that they support 2% grant allocations specifically for services provided by and for Grand Traverse County.

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Coffia to postpone action on Commissioner Wheelock's motion until the next board meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 5, No 2

Nay: Clous and Hentschel

b. Ethics Policy (Jewett)

Commissioner Jewett gave an update on the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee meetings.

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Clous to direct staff to review the current ethics policy and bring back any recommended changes to the policy for Board approval.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, No 1

Nay: Clous

c. Board of Canvassers Election Results

Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk, announced that the Democratic winner is Steve Horne and the Republican winner is Linda Witt.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Transparency Project (Hentschel)

Chairman Hentschel would like to have all the past board minutes, packets, and videos put on the County website. Administration and the County Clerk will research the cost to transfer these documents to a digital format and report back to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioners gave updates on meetings and events they attended.

NOTICES

October 2, 2019 – Regular Meeting

October 16, 2019 – Regular Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk

Rob Hentschel, Chairman

APPROVED: _____ _____
 (Date) (Initials)