

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Study Session  
January 9, 2019

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

OPENING CEREMONIES OR EXERCISES

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

PRESENT: Addison Wheelock, Jr. (8:04), Gordie LaPointe, Brad Jewett, Bryce Hundley, Betsy Coffia, Ron Clous, and Rob Hentschel

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Ann Rogers** opposed the change in the Commissioner's start time.

**Dave Petrov** read an article on Fascism.

**Thomas Wertz** opposed the change in the Commissioner's start time.

**Bill Vockel** opposed the change in the Commissioner's start time.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Jewett to add discussion of the Resolution in Support of the DNR Common Merganser Control Program.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 1, No 6

Nay: LaPointe, Jewett, Hundley, Coffia, Clous and Wheelock

Motion failed.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/PENSION OBLIGATION

Nate Alger, County Administrator, Chris Forsyth, Deputy County Administrator and Dean Bott, Finance Director, gave a detailed explanation of the following information and answered Commissioners' questions.

- \* 2019 Budget Memo
- \* 2019 Revenues All Funds
- \* 2019 Expenditure Report All Funds
- \* Grand Traverse County – Accounting and Budgeting Basics
- \* List of Funds
- \* Enterprise Funds
- \* County Building Authority
- \* Drain Revolving Fund
- \* Budget to Actual Revenue and Expenditure Report (unaudited)
- \* 2018 MERS Valuation
- \* Amortization Extension Agreement – MERS

Chairman Hentschel requested that due to the volume of information and questions regarding the pension obligation, he would like staff to contact a MERS representative and invite them to attend a study session so the Commissioners can discuss in more detail the pension obligation. This issue will be added to the January 23, 2019 study session, if a MERS representative can attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Tom Bensley**, Sheriff, spoke about the Sheriff's Office's budget.

NOTICES

**January 16, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - Regular Board Meeting**

**January 23, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - Study Session**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk

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Rob Hentschel, Chairman

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