

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Organizational Meeting
January 3, 2018

Chairwoman Crawford called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.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: Ron Clous, Cheryl Gore Follette, Bob Johnson, Dan Lathrop, Tom Mair,
Addison Wheelock, Jr., and Carol Crawford

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Sych, Planning Director, informed the Board of his resignation from the County.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairwoman Crawford called for nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2018.

Nominations

Commissioner Johnson nominated Commissioner Clous as the Vice Chair for 2018.
Commissioner Mair seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Chairwoman Crawford declared the nominations closed.

Voting on Nominee

Roll Call Vote to appoint Commissioner Clous as the Vice Chair for 2018.

Yes 7

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Gore Follette to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES

Commissioners reviewed the Board Rules of Order. Chairwoman Crawford requested that the following phrase be added under Public Comment as section 6.3.2.7:

“Please be respectful and refrain from personal or political attacks”.

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Clous to adopt the Standing Rules as amended.
Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL RESOLUTIONResolution

1-2018

**Resolution Permitting the Treasurer to Waive
Administration Fee and Interest Charge on
Delinquent Taxes for Senior Citizens
And Others Specified by Law**

WHEREAS, Act 166 of P.A. of 1977, section 59 (3) as amended, permits County Boards of Commissioners to direct the County Treasurer to waive the administration fee (4%) and interest charges of (1% per month) added after the last day of February for senior citizens, eligible widows, totally and permanently disabled, or blind, as defined in said Act, between March 1 and April 30 on taxes in the first year of delinquency; and,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Board that the County Treasurer be authorized to waive the administration fee and interest between March 1 and April 30 for taxes in the first year of delinquency for eligible taxpayers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT THE County Treasurer is hereby directed to waive the administration fee and interest between March 1 and April 30 for taxes in the first year of delinquency for eligible taxpayers as provided in Act 166 of the Public Acts of 1977, section 59 (3), as amended.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Mair to approve Resolution 1-2018.

Motion carried.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:**A) Appointments**

Chairwoman Crawford appointed herself as Chair of the Audit Committee and Commissioner Wheelock as Vice Chair.

B) Meeting Dates and Times

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Johnson to approve the Audit Committee's meeting dates and times provided in the packet. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SCHEDULES**A) Board of Commissioners' Meeting Dates and Times**

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Johnson to approve the Board of Commissioner's meeting dates and times provided in the packet. Motion carried.

B) Commissioner Appointments/Assignments for 2018

Chairwoman Crawford presented the board assignments. A change was made to appoint Commissioner Clous to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Clous to approve the amended Commissioner Appointment/Assignment list for 2018. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A) Consideration of Code of Ethics and Standard of Conduct for the Board of Commissioners

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Crawford to approve the Code of Ethics and Standard of Conduct for the Board of Commissioners.

After the Board discussed the issue, the Board decided they did not want to have a formal Code of Ethics and Standard of Conduct. Commissioner Gore Follette withdrew her motion and Commissioner Crawford withdrew her second.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICES

Commissioner Mair discussed the need for snow removal for the elderly.

The next Animal Control meeting will be Wednesday, January 10th, at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk

Carol Crawford, Chairwoman

APPROVED: _____
(Date) (Initials)