

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
November 6, 2019

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

OPENING CEREMONIES, EXERCISES OR INVOCATION

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

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

EXCUSED: Ron Clous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting
Minutes of October 23, 2019 Study Session
Minutes of October 30, 2019 Study Session

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Coffia to approve the minutes listed above. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the Commissioners during Public Comment:

Anna Dituri
Kristin Burgess
Gretchen Iorio
Brenda Rush
Berta Merserve
Dave Nichols
Carol Shuckra
Kate Dahlstrom
Linda Pepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Hentschel indicated that the Circuit Court Judges were in attendance for the closed session but they have to be in court so he requested that they amend the agenda to move Item #15-1, Closed Session regarding collective bargaining, before the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Jewett to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried

CLOSED SESSION**1. To consider strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement as permitted under MCL 15.268(c).**

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Hundley to go into Closed Session at 8:30 a.m. to consider strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement as permitted under MCL 15.268(c).

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, Excused 1

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Coffia to return to regular session at 9:35 a.m.

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

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A. RECEIVE AND FILE

1. Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency minutes of August 15, 2019
2. Traverse Area District Library (Special Board Meeting) minutes of September 22, 2019
3. Department of Health & Human Services minutes of September 24, 2019
4. Finance Report
5. Employee Recognition – Making a Difference Quarterly Winner – John Sabatini, Jr.

B. APPROVALS

1. Resolution 163-2019
Health Department
Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW)
Dental Service Agreement – Amendment #22
2. Resolution 164-2019
Resource Recovery
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Clean Sweep Grant

- 3. Resolution 165-2019
Finance Department
Budget Amendments

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

The County Clerk read the Consent Calendar for the record.

Moved by Hundley, seconded by Jewett to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, Excused 1

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

None

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Northwest Regional Airport Commission (NRAC) – Property Purchase**
Kevin Kline, Airport Director, explained the request to acquire the property at 718 Duell Road. Property owners, Rob and Danielle Humphrey, also spoke regarding the agreement.

Resolution 166-2019
Northwestern Regional Airport Commission (NRAC)
Resolution Authorizing NRAC to Acquire
718 Duell Road, Traverse City, Michigan

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 166-2019.
Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, Excused 1

- b. **Facilities – Carpet Replacement for Hall of Justice**
Joe Berry, Facilities Director, gave an update on replacing the carpet in the Hall of Justice.

Resolution 167-2019
Facilities
Ritsema
Installation of Carpet in Hall of Justice Probation Area

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 167-2019.
Motion carried.

- c. **Civil Counsel – Authorization to file lawsuit against Ronald and Landa Alpers**
This request is listed under Closed Session #15-2

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. County Clerk – Conversion of old Board Minutes and Packets

Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk, indicated that she did an inventory of the Board of Commissioners’ minutes and packets and the current storage format of both. She explained that the cost to convert the microfilm to digital images is just under \$5,500.00. Bonnie Scheele and Nate Alger, County Administrator, also indicated that an estimate was also received to have the remaining court records in the Historic Courthouse imaged if the Commissioners decided to proceed with that project.

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Wheelock to authorize the Administrator to approve the conversion of the old minutes and packets to digital format and to have the Administrator develop a plan to make these records publically available on the County website. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposed meeting calendar for January of 2020

Commissioners discussed setting a date for the 2020 Organizational Meeting.

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Jewett to set the Organizational meeting for Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. to be immediately followed by the regular board meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Hundley to add “Discussion of 2020 meeting start time to 7:00 p.m.” to a December meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, Excused 1

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the Commissioners during Public Comment:

- Kelly McIntosh**
- Melony Jones**
- Willie Jones**

COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Open Enrollment for employees and commissioners ends November 12, 2019

Commissioner Coffia requested that discussion of the Board of Commissioners’ Per Diem Policy be placed on the November 20th agenda.

NOTICES

- November 20 – Regular Meeting**
- December 4 – Regular Meeting**
- December 18 – Regular Meeting**
- January 8, 2020 – Organizational Meeting**
- January 8, 2020 – Regular Meeting (following Organizational meeting)**

CLOSED SESSION

1. **To consider strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement as permitted under MCL 15.268(c).**
2. **To consider an attorney-client privileged memorandum as permitted under MCL 15.243(1)(g)**

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Coffia to go into Closed Session at 10:26 a.m. to consider strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement as permitted under MCL 15.268(c) and to consider an attorney-client privileged memorandum as permitted under MCL 15.243(1)(g).
 Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, Excused 1

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to return to regular session at 11:28 a.m.

Ronald and Landa Alpers Settlement Agreement

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to authorize Civil Counsel to proceed with the legal action discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

 Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk

 Rob Hentschel, Chairman

APPROVED: _____
 (Date) (Initials)