

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
January 18, 2017

Chairwoman Crawford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Governmental Center.

OPENING CEREMONIES OR EXERCISES

Commissioner Wheelock spoke about Margaret Underwood, who passed away recently, and he asked for a few moments of silence in remembrance of her. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PRESENT: Ron Clous, Cheryl Gore Follette, Bob Johnson, Dan Lathrop, Tom Mair,
Addison Wheelock, Jr., and Carol Crawford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 21, 2016 – Regular Session
January 4, 2017 – Organizational Meeting

Commissioner Mair clarified his request at the January 4, 2017 meeting for additional study sessions. There being no other corrections to the minutes listed above, they were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Clous 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. Conservation District Monthly Report
2. Road Commission Monthly Report

- 3. County Staff Report for January 2017

B. APPROVALS

- 1. Resource Recovery – 2017 Hauler Licenses – Removed from calendar.

- 2. Resolution 2-2017
 Sheriff’s Office
 Williams Chevrolet
 Oil and Fluid Changes

- 3. Resolution 3-2017
 Sheriff’s Office
 Traverse City Fleet Repair
 Vehicle Fleet Maintenance Contract

- 4. Resolution 4-2017
 Circuit Court – Family Division
 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
 Child Services Agency
 2016-2017 Child Care Fund Budget Amendment

- 5. Resolution 5-2017
 Commission on Aging
 Signature Ford
 Purchase of ¾ Ton Truck

- 6. Resolution 6-2017
 Finance
 December 2016 Claims

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

After the County Clerk read the Consent Calendar for the record, the following item was removed:

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Moved by Mair, seconded by Clous to approve the Consent Calendar minus item #B-1. Motion carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Item #B-1 – Resource Recovery – 2017 Hauler Licenses

Commissioners discussed the County’s liability with regard to the waste haulers, and the need to update the Solid Waste Ordinance since the elimination of the Resource Recovery Department caused them not to be compliant with the ordinance at this time.

Civil Counsel, Chris Forsyth, will research the procedure for updating the Solid Waste Ordinance and report back to the board at a future meeting.

Resolution 7-2017
Resource Recovery
2017 Hauler Licenses

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Clous to approve Resolution 7-2017. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS

a. Board of Commissioners

1. Board Rules of Order

Amended Board Rules of Order were discussed with Civil Counsel, Chris Forsyth. Amendments were approved except for the following sections: 11.6, Method of Voting - Mr. Forsyth will bring back options for voting via video or teleconferencing; and 5.2, Distribution of Agenda and Materials – this will continue to be not later than noon on the Friday preceding the next regular meeting.

Resolution 8-2017
Board of Commissioners
Board Rules of Order
Amended January 18, 2017

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Lathrop to approve Resolution 8-2017.
Roll Call Vote: Yes 7

b. Commission on Aging

1. Management Services Agreement

Tom Menzel, County Administrator, and Jen DeHaan, Deputy County Administrator, explained the request to contract with Comfort Keepers to handle management services of Commission on Aging and they answered commissioners questions.

Commissioners discussed the issue and determined that more information was needed and a more thorough discussion should be done at a study session before a decision is made.

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Wheelock to table this matter pending a study session scheduled for February 8, 2017 to discuss the plans for management of the Commission on Aging.
Motion carried.

c. Finance

1. Financial Report

Jody Lundquist, Finance Director, gave an overview of the financial report provided to commissioners and answered questions they had regarding this report.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Schedule Strategic Planning

Chairwoman Crawford indicated that the Strategic Planning session will be held on Saturday, January 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They are still trying to determine the location for the session and will provide that information as soon as possible.

b. Human Resources Update

Chairwoman Crawford gave an update on the current status of the Human Resource Department. Staff answered Commissioners' questions about future staffing plans.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Schoech made a suggestion that the County create a debt analysis report.

Joanne Tuck spoke about the good job the Commission on Aging staff does and the need for the County to hire a Human Resource Director.

Carol Stocking indicated that the courts are required to have performance measurements of staff and can share them with commissioners.

Nancy Ickes spoke about the dedication of the Commission on Aging staff to their customers.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

The Commissioners gave updates on meetings and events they attended.

NOTICES

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk

Carol Crawford, Chairwoman

APPROVED: _____
(Date) (Initials)