

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Study Session
February 8, 2017

Chairwoman Crawford called the meeting to order at 5:30 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: Addison Wheelock, Jr., Tom Mair, Dan Lathrop, Bob Johnson,
Cheryl Gore Follette, Ron Clous, and Carol Crawford

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk, read a memo from **Leslie and Russ Knopp**, owners of Comfort Keepers, indicating that they were withdrawing their proposal for management services of the Commission on Aging.

The following people made comments regarding the Commission on Aging's staff and services.

Shirley Zerafa
Leslie Wray
Jill Case
Emily Rice
Nancy Ickes
Christine Gran
Geraldine Green
Rhonda Yanska
Jenny Grist
Lavern Broughton
Dustin Tortorici
Willard Kille
Joanne Tuck
Muriel Mikowski
Cindy Kott

COMMISSION ON AGING OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE QUALITY ASSESSMENT PANEL AND COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION

Tom Menzel, County Administrator, gave a brief overview of what the Commissioners would be discussing.

Jen DeHaan, Deputy Administrator, gave a presentation on the Commission on Aging Department's services and duties, structure of the organization, and the findings and recommendations from the Quality Assessment Panel.

Wendy Trute, Health Officer, gave a brief overview of the Health Department’s requirements to be HIPPA compliant.

Commissioners asked staff questions regarding the assessment of the Commission on Aging and discussed the staffing concerns and possible solutions to correct the issues raised from the Quality Assessment Panel’s report.

OPTIONS FOR COA (This portion added after the February 15, 2017 meeting as a correction to the minutes)

The Administration staff offered the following options for the Commission on Aging Department:

1. Maintain or Return to Status Quo – No Change to Operation
2. Maintain Status Quo for now – with Internal Improvements
3. Authority/Independent Entity
4. Management Services Agreement

Commissioners directed staff to proceed with Option #2, Maintain Status Quo for now – with Internal Improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people gave comments regarding the Commission on Aging’s staff and services.

- Laura Green**
- John Zimmerman**
- Marsha Johnson**
- Cherry Wolf**

Lavern Broughton spoke about Downtown Development Authority and taxes

NOTICES

Commissioner Gore Follette indicated that she will be making a motion at the February 15, 2017 meeting to rescind Resolution 127-2016, Commission on Aging Reduction in Millage in 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk

Carol Crawford, Chairwoman

APPROVED: _____
(Date) (Initials)