

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Session  
February 14, 2018

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

EXCUSED: Dan Lathrop

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Bevelhymer, American Waste General Manager, spoke on concerns regarding Resource Recovery and surcharge fees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

FACILITIES AND RESOURCE RECOVERY MANAGER POSITIONS

Jean Derenzy, Interim County Administrator, spoke on the interview and candidate selection process for the Facilities Manager, provided brief background on candidate Joe Berry and answered Commissioners questions.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Clous to authorize Administration to negotiate and offer letter of employment to Joe Berry. Motion carried.

Jean Derenzy, Interim County Administrator, spoke on the interview and candidate selection process for the Resource Recovery Manager, provided brief background on candidate and answered Commissioners questions.

Motion by Gore Follette, seconded by Mair to authorize Administration to negotiate and offer letter of employment to the candidate as described.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 1 No 1 Excused

Nays: Wheelock

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Chris Forsyth, Deputy Civil Counsel, presented information on the proposed Community Development Agreement, and answered Commissioners' questions.

Commissioners discussed Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Economic Development Corporation.

FINANCE OUTLOOK

Dean Bott, Finance Director, provided a financial outlook and fund balance information for the County and answered Commissioners’ questions.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Commissioners discussed the recycling containers at the Public Health Services Building on LaFrainer.

Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer, spoke on the recycling container locations.

Mark Bevelhymer, American Waste General Manager, spoke on communications regarding the relocation of the containers from Hughes Drive to LaFrainer Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairwoman Crawford, recognized the efforts of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in their commitment to Sabin dam removal.

CLOSED SESSION

- A) **Jesse Williams v Grand Traverse County Sheriff’s Department**
- B) **Laura Green v Grand Traverse County**

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Johnson to go into closed session to consult with our attorneys regarding pending litigation in connection with the cases of *Jesse Williams v Grand Traverse County Sheriff’s Department*, File No. 17-32326-CZ and *Laura Green v Grand Traverse County*, File No. 17-032101-CZ pending in the Circuit court for the County of Grand Traverse pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act since discussion in an open meeting will have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating position of Grand Traverse County.  
 Roll Call Vote: Yes 6 Excused 1

Commissioners went into closed session at 6:58 p.m.

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Wheelock to return to regular session at 7:32 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Sarah B. Lutz, Chief Deputy County Clerk

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Carol Crawford, Chairwoman

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