

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting  
February 20, 2019

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

OPENING CEREMONIES, EXERCISES OR INVOCATION

Commissioner Coffia gave opening remarks which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

EXCUSED: Gordie LaPointe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 6, 2019 Regular Meeting

Moved by Hundley, seconded by Clous to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Matthew Schoech** spoke about the history of “money”

**Ann Rogers** opposed to new start time for meetings.

**Dave Petrove** spoke about the Rennie School Road Development Amended Brownfield Plan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Clous, seconded by Jewett to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 10a,  
Invocation Policy Request Clarification.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 3, No 3, Excused 1

Nay: Hundley, Coffia, and Wheelock

Motion failed

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Coffia to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 3, No 3, Excused 1

Nay: Clous, Jewett, and Hentschel

Motion failed

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Clous to adjourn the meeting since they cannot approve a meeting agenda.

Nate Alger, County Administrator, suggested that Commissioner Coffia speak about the Invocation Policy clarification under Commissioner Reports.

Commissioners Wheelock and Clous withdrew their motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Clous to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 10a.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 4, No 2, Excused 1

Nay: Jewett and Hentschel

### 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. Northwestern Regional Airport Commission minutes of December 18, 2018 – *Removed from calendar.*
2. Michigan Townships Association Minutes of February 7, 2019
3. Road Commission Monthly Report

### B. APPROVALS

1. Minimum Wage Change (Non contract) – *Removed from calendar.*
2. Resolution 28-2019  
Human Resources  
Michigan Paid Sick Leave Law  
Personal Time Policy Update
3. Resolution 29-2019  
Administration  
Land Information Access Association (LIAA) Contract
4. Resolution 30-2019  
Finance  
January 2019 Claims Approval
5. Resolution 31-2019  
Finance  
FY2019 Budget Amendments

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

After the County Clerk read the Consent Calendar for the record, the following items were removed:

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| A-1 | Page 10 | By Dave Petrove |
| B-1 | Page 20 | By Dave Petrove |

Moved by Hundley, seconded by Coffia to approve the Consent Calendar minus items A-1 and B-1.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, Excused 1

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

None

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

**A-1 Northwestern Regional Airport Commission minutes of December 18, 2018.**

**Dave Petrove** spoke about the need for sidewalks on Garfield Road, which the airport said they cannot do.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to Receive and File A-1 Northwestern Regional Airport Commission minutes of December 18, 2018. Motion carried.

**B-1 Minimum Wage Change (Non Contract)**

**Dave Petrove** spoke about the minimum wage law.

**Matthew Schoech** spoke about currency losing its value.

Donna Kinsey, Human Resource Director, answered Commissioners' questions regarding the new law and the County's pay scales.

Resolution 32-2019  
 Human Resources  
 Minimum Wage Change  
 Non-Contract

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Clous to approve Resolution 32-2019. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS

**a. Administration**

- 1) Traverse Area District Library (TADL) Board Selection Policy  
 Chris Forsyth, Deputy County Administrator, explained the new selection policy to help clarify the agreement between the City and County regarding TADL Board appointments.

**Andy Marek**, former TADL board member, answered Commissioners’ questions regarding how millage dollars are distributed between the member libraries.

Resolution 33-2019  
Approval of the Traverse Area District Library  
Board Selection Policy

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Clous to approve Resolution 33-2019.  
Motion carried.

**b. Finance**

- 1) Refunding Grand Traverse County Wastewater Treatment Bonds  
Dean Bott, Finance Director, indicated that the refunding of the bonds would generate approximately \$150,000 in savings due to the lower interest rates. The County can issue the refunding bonds at interest rates ranging from 2.4 to 2.6% versus the coupon rate of 4%.

Resolution 34-2019  
To Authorize the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$6,600,000  
Grand Traverse County  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade  
Refunding Bonds, Series 2019

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Hundley to approve Resolution 34-2019.  
Motion carried.

**c. Facilities**

- 1) Commission Chambers Audio Upgrade  
Joe Berry, Facilities Director, explained the bids received and the details of the upgrade to the Commission Chamber’s audio equipment. The City of Traverse City will pay for part of the upgrade.

Resolution 35-2019  
Facilities  
Commission Chambers Audio Upgrade  
Waara Technologies

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 35-2019.  
Motion carried.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Invocation Policy – Request for Clarification (Coffia) – **Removed from agenda.**

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Ted Iorio** spoke about clarifying the Invocation Policy.

**Ann Rogers** spoke about local and global issues.

**Matthew Schoech** spoke about currency being devalued.

**Andy Marek** spoke in favor of the meeting start time.

**Dave Petrove** opposed to meeting start time.

**Kathleen Kieting** opposed to Invocation Policy and meeting start time.

COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioners gave reports of meetings and events they attended.

Commissioner Coffia requested clarification on the Invocation Policy. Kit Tholen, Deputy Civil Counsel, answered Commissioner Coffia’s questions regarding the process for how people can request to be allowed to give the invocation according to the Invocation Policy.

NOTICES

**Current Job Openings**

Chairman Hentschel directed the public to go to our website, [www.grandtraverse.org](http://www.grandtraverse.org), Human Resources Department, to get information on current job openings.

**February 27, 2019 – Study Session**

**March 6, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

**March 20, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

CLOSED SESSION

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

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Bonnie Scheele County Clerk

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Rob Hentschel, Chairman

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