

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting  
March 20, 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 Gretchen Iorio which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 6, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Ann Rogers** made comments about a recent Record-Eagle article.

**Lori Wells** made comments about the upcoming 90 over 90 Celebration at the Senior Center.

**David Petrove** made comments about democracy and fascism.

**Paul Singer** made comments about the meeting time.

**Anna Norris** made comments about changes to Board Rules and Invocation Policy.

**Betsy Coffia** made comments about Public Comment Rules.

**John Despelder** made comments about the Per Diem Policy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Clous, seconded by Jewett 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 January Report – *removed from consent calendar*
2. Conservation District February Report
3. Road Commission Report – *removed from consent calendar*
4. Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency Minutes (January 17, 2019)
5. Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Minutes (February 21, 2019)

B. APPROVALS

1. Resolution 45-2019  
Commission on Aging  
Elder Law of Michigan (ELM)
2. Resolution 46-2019  
Finance  
February 2019 Claims Approval

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A-1	Page 11	By Clous
A-3	Page 27	By Dave Petrove

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Jewett to approve the Consent Calendar minus items A-1 and A-3. Motion carried.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- a. **Public Health Accreditation Certificate Presentation**  
Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer, presented on the Public Health Accreditation Certificate, which covers years 2016-2018.

Orlando Todd, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Director of Local Health Services, gave an overview of the Accreditation process and introduced local health department staff.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

**A-1 Conservation District January Report**

Commissioner Clous inquired about the status of the Cass Road Drain.

Moved by Clous, seconded by Hundley to Receive and File the Conservation District January Report. Motion carried.

**A-3 Road Commission Report**

PUBLIC COMMENT

**David Petrove** made comments about the Road Commission 2019 Budget.

Brad Kluczynski, Road Commission Manager, answered questions.

Moved by Clous, seconded by Jewett to Receive and File the Road Commission Report. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS

**a. Administration**

- 1) Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement – Venture North  
Nate Alger, County Administrator, provided background on the Community Development Block Grant Agreement.

Laura Galbraith and Sara Christensen with Venture North, presented on Grand Traverse County and Venture North collaboration and answered Commissioners’ questions.

Resolution 47-2019

Administration

Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement  
Venture North

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Hundley to approve Resolution 47-2019. Motion carried.

- 2) First Addendum to Camp Pugsley Project Development Agreement  
Christopher Forsyth, Deputy County Administrator, reviewed the First Addendum to Camp Pugsley Project Development Agreement and answered Commissioners’ questions.

Resolution 48-2019

Administration

First Addendum to Camp Pugsley  
Project Development Agreement

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 48-2019.  
Motion carried.

**b. Finance**

1) Financial Report

Dean Bott, Finance Director, reviewed the Financial Report and answered Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner break at 9:35 a.m.  
Commissioner return at 9:45 a.m.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

**a. Per Diem Policy Update**

Chairman Hentschel reviewed the Per Diem Policy Update.

Resolution 49-2019  
Administration  
Per Diem Policy Update

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett, to approve Resolution 49-2019, the Per Diem Policy Update, with the following additions/updates to paragraph 4b of the Per Diem Policy:

However, requests for per diem compensation for meetings that took place more than 90 days prior to the submission of the meeting compensation form will not be accepted.

4<sup>th</sup> quarter per diem requests must be submitted no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, No 1  
Nay: Coffia

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett that the Per Diem Policy be applied to all individuals who are eligible to receive Per Diem compensation.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 7

**b. Rescind Resolution 161-2015, Eliminating Building Authority Per Diem**

Commissioners requested to postpone this item to the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Pat Salathiel** made comments on Invocation Policy, agenda setting, and meeting start time.

**Andy Marek** made comments on Road Commission meetings and answered Commissioners’ questions regarding potholes and funding.

**John Despelder** made comments on the Road Commissions’ response time for pothole concerns.

**David Petrove** made comments on meeting times and Per Diem.

COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. NACO Report - Coffia  
Commissioner Coffia provided Commissioners with a summary of sessions she attended, indicated she has handouts and notes to share.
- b. Disclosure of Conflict - Wheelock  
Commissioner Wheelock reviewed the Disclosure of Conflict letter provided in the packet.
- c. Additional Commissioner Reports  
Commissioner Jewett provided updates on the BATA and TTCI Boards.

Chairman Hentschel provided an update on the Parks & Recreation Board subcommittee reorganization and going paperless, East Bay Township Metro Fire mediation and meeting with the City regarding building usage.

NOTICES

- April 3, 2019 – Regular Meeting**
- April 9, 2019 – Equalization Meeting**
- April 17, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

CLOSED SESSION

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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Sarah B. Lutz, Chief Deputy County Clerk

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Rob Hentschel, Chairman

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