

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
March 21, 2018

Chairwoman Crawford called the meeting to order at 5:32 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 7, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Cooney, Prosecuting Attorney, spoke about the request for the Substance Use Assessment for an epidemiology study.

Toni Stanford, spoke about the mental health issues in the jail.

Greg McMaster, spoke about the mental health issues in the jail.

Joe Berry, introduced himself as the new Facilities Director

Kris Erickson, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke about the Earth Day Celebration April 22nd at Twin Lakes.

Deb Zerafa, spoke about the interview and selection process for vacancies in the county.

Darcy Pickren, spoke about the Animal Control Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: Ad Hoc Committee appointment for regional morgue and discussion of Administrator search under Old Business. Conflict of Interest notice under New Business.

Moved by Mair, seconded by Clous to approve the agenda as amended. 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. Airport Commission minutes of January 23, 2018 (Organizational and Regular Meetings)
- 2. Conservation District – February Report
- 3. Northern Lakes Community Mental Health minutes of February 15, 2018

B. APPROVALS

- 1. Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance Memorandum of Understanding Renewal
Removed from calendar.

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

#B-1

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By Gore Follette

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Lathrop to approve the Consent Calendar minus Item #B-1. Motion carried.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

a. “The Boardman: A River Reborn” Update

Frank Dituri, Amy Beyer, and D.J. Shook, Dams Implementation Team, gave a presentation on the progress of the removal of the dams.

Moved by Crawford, seconded by Wheelock to direct the Administration staff to craft a resolution thanking the Grand Traverse Band for their support in this project. Motion carried.

b. Public Hearing – Resolution of Support to Resubmit Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant Application for the Boardman Lake Loop & Medalie Park Project.

Chairwoman Crawford opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Kris Erickson, Parks and Recreation Director, gave a brief overview of the grant application request for the Boardman Lake Loop and Medalie Park project.

There being no further comments or correspondence, the public hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

Resolution 40-2018
Parks and Recreation
Resolution of Support for the Land and Water
Conservation Fund Grant for the Boardman Lake Trail

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Clous to approve Resolution 40-2018.
Motion carried.

c. Public Hearing – Approval to Apply for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant – Lone Pine Footbridge

Chairwoman Crawford opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Steve Largent, Drain Commissioner, gave a brief presentation of the grant request for the Lone Pine Footbridge.

There being no further comments or correspondence, the public hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

Resolution 41-2018
Parks and Recreation
Resolution of Support for the Michigan Natural
Resources Trust Fund Grant for
The Lone Pine Pedestrian Bridge

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Wheelock to approve Resolution 41-2018.
Motion carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Item #B-1 – Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance Memorandum of Understanding Renewal

Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer, answered questions about the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance Memorandum of Understanding.

Resolution 42-2018
Public Health Alliance
Memorandum of Understanding Renewal

Moved by Mair, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 42-2018. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS

a. Health Department

1. Substance Use Assessment for the Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Contract

Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer, explained the Substance Use Assessment Drug Free Coalition contract with Catholic Human Services.

Resolution 43-2018
 Health Department
 Catholic Human Services, Inc.
 Substance Use Assessment for the
 Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Contract

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Lathrop to approve Resolution 43-2018.
 Motion carried.

2. Purchase of Animal Control Truck
 Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer, and Dan Thorell, Environmental Health Department, explained the need for a new Animal Control vehicle. They recommended purchasing the new vehicle from Galeana’s Dodge and also purchasing a kennel box from Michiana Millworks.

Resolution 44-2018
 Health Department
 Galeana’s Dodge
 Michiana Millworks
 Purchase Animal Control Truck and Kennel Box

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Lathrop to approve Resolution 44-2018.
 Motion carried.

Commissioners took a break at 7:08 p.m.
 Commissioners resumed the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

b. Sheriff Office

1. Corrections Division – Operational Enhancements
 Tom Bensley, Sheriff, gave a presentation on the recommendations for operational enhancements in the jail.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg McMaster spoke about the costs to fix the issues raised by the Sheriff.

JAIL AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairwoman Crawford appointed the following people to an Ad Hoc committee to deal with the mental health issues of the jail, coordinate with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, and look into the possibility of hiring a coordinator to help with the jail issues:

- Commissioner Wheelock (chair)
- Commissioner Mair
- Captain Ritter

Chairwoman Crawford will also contact retired Judge Phil Rodgers and see if he would be interested in sitting on this committee.

Commissioners directed staff to put discussion of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee on the April 4th Board meeting agenda.

c. Finance

1. FY2018 Budget Amendments

Resolution 45-2018
Finance
Budget Amendments

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 45-2018.
Motion carried.

2. February 2018 Claims Approval

Resolution 46-2018
Finance
February 2018 Claims Approval

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 46-2018.
Motion carried.

d. Administration

1. Department Update

Chris Forsyth, Civil Counsel, was available to answer questions regarding the department updates.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Regional Morgue Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

Chairwoman Crawford appointed the following people to the Regional Morgue Ad Hoc Committee:

Commissioner Gore Follette (chair)
Chairwoman Crawford
Commissioner Mair
Dan Jonkhoff, Funeral Director
Judge T. J. Phillips

b. Administrator Search Update

Chairwoman Crawford provided an update on the applications received for the County Administrator position.

Commissioners called a Special Meeting for April 11th in order to go into Closed Session to review and consider the applicants for the County Administrator position.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Potential Conflict of Interest – Wheelock

Commissioner Wheelock indicated he may be doing some work for the Sheriff's Office. This issue will be brought to the April 4th meeting if he accepts the job.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioners gave updates on the meetings and events they attended.

NOTICES

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk

Carol Crawford, Chairwoman

APPROVED: _____
(Date) (Initials)