

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting  
May 2, 2018

Chairwoman Crawford called the meeting to order at 5:31 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, Dan Lathrop, and Carol Crawford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of April 18, 2018 – Regular Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clifton Murie – spoke on conditions in the Jail.

Gordie LaPointe – spoke on financial condition of County.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add: Michigan Indigent Defense Contract revisions.

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Mair 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. Northwestern Regional Airport Commission minutes of April 3, 2018

B. APPROVALS

1. Resolution 71-2018  
Public Service Recognition Week

2. Resolution 72-2018  
Resource Recovery  
Hauler Licenses
3. Resolution 73-2018  
Information Technology  
Surplus Equipment  
Disposal Authorization
4. Resolution 74-2018  
Land Information Access Association  
Contract Extension
5. Conservation District Ballot Language Change  
*(Language modification only to attachment to Resolution 52-2018)*

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chief Deputy County Clerk read the Consent Calendar for the record.

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

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

None

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS

**a. Emergency Management**

1. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Bi-directional Amplifier (BDA) Project  
Gregg Bird, Emergency Management Supervisor, reviewed the Bi-directional Amplifier Project and answered Commissioners' questions.

Resolution 75-2018  
Health Department  
Emergency Operations Center  
Bi-Directional Amplifier Project

Moved by Mair, seconded by Wheelock to approve Resolution 75-2018. Motion carried.

**b. Finance**

1. Grounds Maintenance Worker for Facilities Management  
Dean Bott, Finance Director, reviewed request for .5 FTE Grounds Maintenance Worker and answered Commissioners' questions.

Resolution 76-2018  
Facilities Management  
Grounds Maintenance Worker

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 76-2018.  
Motion carried.

2. Blair Township Water Bonds  
Dean Bott, Finance Director, reviewed the request to issue Blair Township Water Bonds.

Resolution 77-2018  
Department of Public Works  
Blair Township  
Water Bonds

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Gore Follette to approve Resolution 77-2018.  
Roll Call Vote. Yes 7

3. Audit Committee  
Dean Bott, Finance Director, reviewed past practices and statutory requirements to approve claims of the County.

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Clous to eliminate the Audit Committee and instruct Finance Department to provide the list of paid invoices at the last Board of Commissioners meeting of the month.  
Motion carried.

**c. Administration**

1. Potential Utilization of Fund Balance  
Nate Alger, Undersheriff, presented a PowerPoint on the potential utilization of Fund Balance and answered Commissioners' questions.

Dean Bott, Finance Director, answered Commissioners' questions.

**Public Comment**

Tom Bensley, Grand Traverse County Sheriff, spoke on the County financial health.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Michigan Indigent Defense Contract  
Christopher Forsyth, Deputy Civil Counsel, reviewed the corrections to the Michigan Indigent Defense Contract and answered Commissioners questions.

Moved by Gore Follette, seconded by Johnson to approve the resubmission of the Compliance Plan for Indigent Defense.  
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

May 16, 2018 at 4:00 pm – First Round County Administrator Interviews  
May 17, 2018 at 4:00 pm – First Round County Administrator Interviews  
May 23, 2018 at 5:30 pm – Regular Meeting (rescheduled from May 16<sup>th</sup>)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Wheelock gave an update on the Jail Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Lathrop reported flooding issue on Old Mission and the Drain Commissioner & Road Commission responsiveness.

Commissioner Gore Follette gave an update on the Regional Forensic Pathology Facility Ad Hoc, and Economic Development Corporation.

NOTICES

Open Meetings Act & Board Member Basics Training – May 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairwoman Crawford will be attending the County Leadership Institute by NACo, June 3-7, 2018.

Chairwoman Crawford indicated the first interview on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the candidate has requested to appear by Skype.

CLOSED SESSION

- a. **Discussion regarding Negotiation Strategy**

Moved by Crawford, seconded by Lathrop to go into closed session for a strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements

Roll Call Vote: Yes 7

Commissioners went into Closed Session at 7:13 p.m.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Gore Follette to return to regular session at 7:35 p.m.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Johnson, to proceed with negotiation strategy as recommended by counsel.  
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Sarah B. Lutz, Chief Deputy County Clerk

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Carol Crawford, Chairwoman

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

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