



Board Meeting ~ Minutes ~

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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9:00 a.m.

BOC Chambers

DRAFT: 08/30/16
APPROVED: 9/20/16

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at the Governmental Building, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, MI., by Chair, Rodetta Harrand.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rodetta Harrand	Chair	Present	
Sandra Busch	Vice Chair	Present	
Bill Rokos	Treasurer	Present	
Shirley Zerafa	Secretary	Present	
Christine Maxbauer	County Commissioner	Present	
Kory Hansen	Member	Present	
Carl Kucera	Member	Present	
Michelle Mercer	Member	Present	
Carol Sullivan	Member	Excused	
David Taylor	Member	Present	

Staff Present: Laura Green, Deputy Director
Cyndie F., Office Specialist

Guests: Robert Schlueter, Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan
Gregg Smith, Lawton Gallagher Group
County Commissioner Bob Johnson
Ralph Soffredine
Matt Troutman, Record Eagle
Caroline Powers, 9&10 News
Jeremy Erickson, 9&10 News
Meghan Morelli, 7&4 News

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members stood and recited the pledge of allegiance, led by Guest Soffredine.

MISSION STATEMENT

Rokos read the GTCOA (Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging's Mission Statement.

ROLL CALL

Cyndie F. took roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVED:	Kucera
SECONDED:	Rokos
AYES:	Busch, Hansen, Harrand, Kucera, Maxbauer, Mercer, Rokos, Taylor, Zerafa
NAYS:	None

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Each of the Guests stood and introduced themselves.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Commission on Aging Quality Assessment Panel

Chair Harrand asked the Members who requested the Special Meeting to provide their reasons for the request. Hansen, Rokos, Busch and Kucera relayed their reasons and concerns for the request for the Special Meeting.

Discussion on which Board member would sit on the QAP and how that came about.

Discussion on operations issues being the job of the County Administrator. Examples of potential outcomes of the QAP; the outcome of other departments already through the process; and assessment being part of a normal evaluation process.

Members were asked to speak on their thoughts and concerns regarding the QAP. Each Member took the opportunity to speak on the subject.

Discussion on high turnover being an operational issue; County restrictions regarding the use of GTCOA millage funds; and on experts who might be brought in at a certain point.

Discussion on whether a concerned person could attend the QAP, and the answer that this is an operational meeting, not an open meeting. Harrand and Green will be in attendance.

Green relayed thanks to everyone for their input.

Harrand asked if there were any ideas Members would like asked at the meeting. Each responded as to what they would like discussed/asked at the meeting.

Discussion on the reporting to be made available on the QAP and what has happened with the other departments with reporting. Members were instructed how to answer questions from the public on the matter. Discussion on how decisions would be made by a collaborative of the panel; and how the report thereof would be discussed by the BOC, after receipt of the same, with Mr. Menzel handling operations issues.

Discussion on Front Street building, paying rent, other locations previously reviewed by GTCOA.

Mercer leaves 10:01 am

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Soffredine spoke to having a board member on the panel, whom is best at financial information, that the County has the final say, the BOC overturning a previous decision, the recent passing of the millage, turnover in general, Fund Balance, and a prior deficit.

Commissioner Johnson spoke to the millage passing and ensuring that GTCOA is providing the best services possible. He assured members this is not a secret meeting but a work group, and will be the first department with a Board. He relayed that and that there may be some things the Board won't like. He noted this is not underhanded way to take GTCOA money. He conveyed that the Health department director has been a star at this type of function (QAP).

Smith relayed that he has been doing communications consulting to GTCOA for several years, spoke of going into client homes and that it is no mystery why the millage passes. Seeing staff interact with the clients is something impressive. That is why the taxpayers support this organization.

Schlueter relayed that everyone should be commended, He will be at AAANM (Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan) 30 years, and the GTCOA services are outstanding. He noted that AAANM covers 10 counties, lots of things happen, growth, changes, and transparency. He relayed that AAANM is here to help you in any way they are a member of your team, and what they are there for.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Harrand adjourned the meeting at 10:13 am.

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