

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting  
October 2, 2019

Chairman Hentschel called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. at the Governmental Center.

OPENING CEREMONIES, EXERCISES OR INVOCATION

An invocation was given by Chairman Hentschel, 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, Gordie LaPointe, Addison Wheelock, Jr. and Rob Hentschel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 18, 2019 Annual Meeting

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the Commissioners during Public Comment:

**Michelle Howard**  
**Carol Shuckra**  
**Matt Schoech**  
**Emmilou Cholak**  
**Sharon Vreeland**  
**Berta Meserve**  
**Dave Nichols**  
**Kathleen Kieting**  
**Gina Aranki**

**Tom Bousamra**  
**Sylvia McCullough**  
**Alan McCullough**  
**Dave Petrove**  
**Ann Rogers**  
**Bruce Moore**  
**Amy Yee**  
**Kelly McIntosh**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Remove Item 10b, Ethics Ad Hoc Discussion from agenda**

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Hundley to remove Item 10b, Ethics Ad Hoc Discussion, and place it on the October 16 meeting agenda and have the key documents drafted by Civil Counsel, Kit Tholen be included in the board packet.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 3, No 4

Nay: Jewett, LaPointe, Clous and Hentschel

Motion failed

Add Discussion of Airport Ad Hoc Committee Appointment Discussion and Hall of Justice Mold Update under Commissioner Reports.

Moved by Clous, seconded by Jewett to approve the agenda with the addition of Airport Ad Hoc Committee Appointment Discussion and Hall of Justice Mold Update under Commissioner Reports. 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. All Information identified on the Consent Calendar can be viewed in its entirety at [www.grandtraverse.org](http://www.grandtraverse.org)

#### A. RECEIVE AND FILE

1. Traverse Area District Library (TADL) minutes of August 15, 2019
2. Traverse Area District Library (TADL) special minutes of September 3, 2019
3. Legal Counsel Recommendation – Harassment Training – *Removed from calendar.*

#### B. APPROVALS

1. Resolution 140-2019  
Emergency Management  
FY2019 Emergency Management Performance  
Grant Agreement Renewal
2. Resolution 141-2019  
Health Department  
Michigan Primary Care Association  
K-Town Youth Care Center  
Grant Agreement
3. Resolution 142-2019  
Health Department  
Michigan Primary Care Association  
Youth Health & Wellness Center  
Grant Agreement
4. Resolution 143-2019  
Health Department  
Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and  
Contracting (CPBC) Agreement

- 5. Resolution 144-2019  
Administration  
Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC)  
Amendment to Allow for Expenditure of  
FY2019 Unexpended Funds

- 6. Surplus Property: Unused Food Service Equipment – Removed from calendar.

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a-3                      Page 15                      By Clous
- b-6                      Page 209                      By Hundley

Moved by Clous, seconded by Jewett to approve the Consent Calendar minus items a-3 and b-6.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes7

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- a. **Carlisle Wortman Associates Evaluation of the County Construction Code Department**  
Dick Carlisle, Carlisle Wortman Associates, gave a presentation on the evaluation of the Construction Code Department.

Commissioners took a break at 9:50 a.m.  
Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:59 a.m.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

**a-3 – Legal Counsel Recommendation – Harassment Training.**

Moved by Clous, seconded by Jewett that orientation type trainings shall be made available to elected officials of Grand Traverse County as appropriate to their elected position including but not limited to Open Meetings Act, Freedom of Information Act, Sexual Harassment training, general county policy orientation and meetings with administrative and/or support staff. It shall be the responsibility of the County Administrator to ensure that such trainings are made available by qualified staff or trainers and proactively promoted to elected officials as early as the day in which election results are certified prior to taking office and no later than within 45 days of taking office. Reimbursement of travel expenses associated with such meetings shall be limited to those allowed under the County Travel Reimbursement policy and are subject to approval by the County Administrator.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 7

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Jewett to Receive and File a-3, Legal Counsel Recommendation Harassment Training. Motion carried.

**b-6 – Surplus Property: Unused Food Service Equipment**

Resolution 145-2019  
Facilities  
Surplus Property  
Unused Food Service Equipment

Moved by Hundley, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 145-2019. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS

**a. Human Resources**

- 1) Approval of 2020 Benefits  
Donna Kinsey, Human Resource Director, and Nate Alger, County Administrator, explained the 2020 Benefit renewal.

Resolution 146-2019  
Human Resources  
2020 Benefit Renewal

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Coffia to approve Resolution 146-2019.  
Motion carried.

**b. Sheriff’s Office**

- 1) Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant  
Lt. Brian Giddis, Sheriff’s Office, explained the grant request.

Resolution 147-2019  
Sheriff’s Office  
Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Hundley to approve Resolution 147-2019.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, No 1  
Nay: Hentschel

- 2) Report on Jail Medical Services – Wellpath  
Tom Bensley, Sheriff, and Dr. Fatoki and Elaine Kaiser from Wellpath, spoke about the jail services Wellpath provides and answered Commissioners’ questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Hentschel moved the discussion of TIF 97 to the first item on the agenda.

- a. Tax Increment Finance Development Plan (TIF 97) Resolution (action requested at September 4, 2019 meeting)**

Resolution 148-2019  
Tax Increment Finance Development Plan (TIF 97)  
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners Position  
On the Extension of TIF 97

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Clous to approve Resolution 148-2019.

Commissioner LaPointe requested a “friendly amendment” to the resolution and distributed a sheet with additional wording to be added to the resolution in the packet.

Vote on Friendly Amendment

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Clous to include the additional wording distributed to the resolution in the packet.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 3, No 4

Nay: Coffia, Hundley, Jewett, and Wheelock

Motion failed

Vote on Original Resolution

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Clous to approve Resolution 148-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, No 1

Nay: Hundley

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Hundley to extend the meeting time to 12:20 p.m.  
Motion carried.

**b. Distribution of 2% Allocations of Tribal Funding (action postponed from September 18, 2019 meeting)**

Motion from September 18, 2019 meeting brought forth again for a vote.

Chis Forsyth, Deputy County Administrator, stated that Prosecutor Cooney wrote a memo in 2012 which indicates the non-profits that are eligible for 2% Funding approvals that the County can refer to when requests come in.

Nate Alger, County Administrator, suggested that the 2% requests filter through a Department Head or Elected Official so they can evaluate if the service they are offering is in line with that Department’s mission. It would then be forwarded to the Prosecuting Attorney for review, if needed, and finally to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Clous that Grand Traverse County go on record stating that they support 2% grant allocations specifically for services provided by and for Grand Traverse County.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, Abstain 1

Abstain: Hundley

**c. Ethics Ad Hoc Discussion – requested by Coffia on September 18, 2019**

Commissioner Coffia indicated that key documents drafted by Civil Counsel, Kit Tholen, were not included in the board packet. She requested that the Board postpone the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee discussion until the October 16 meeting and that the documents drafted by Civil Counsel be included in the agenda packet.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**a. Hall of Justice Update**

Nate Alger, County Administrator, gave an update on the mold remediation.

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Jewett, to direct Administrative staff to take action to immediately move staff from affected areas to temporary work areas and to take necessary action to accommodate juvenile sight and sound requirements.

**b. Airport Ad Hoc Committee**

Commissioner Coffia requested that Chairman Hentschel appoint her to the County’s Airport Ad Hoc Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following person addressed the Commissioners during Public Comment:

**Greg Hall**

NOTICES

**October 9, 2019 – Study Session – Budget 2020**

**October 16, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

CLOSED SESSION

None

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk

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Rob Hentschel, Chairman

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