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New G.T. Deputy County Administrator Named

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Traverse City – Grand Traverse County Administrator Tom Menzel has announced the hiring of Jennifer M. DeHaan, MPA, as the county’s new Deputy County Administrator.

DeHaan comes to the position with over a decade of serving local governments, including the Lake County Administrative Office in California as a Deputy County Administrative Officer, and the Kent County, Michigan Administrator’s Office as a Management Analyst. DeHaan also has taught as an adjunct instructor at Grand Valley State University in the areas of local government and public budgeting.

Menzel said of DeHaan’s appointment, “Our interview team was impressed with Jennifer’s record of public service, and her track record of facilitating interdepartmental and intergovernmental collaborations.” According to Menzel, DeHaan’s credentials and long list of accomplishments as a public servant “are the right match for the direction in which Grand Traverse County is moving.”

DeHaan’s experience includes labor negotiations, grant development, solving complex budget issues, engaging in and monitoring policy and legislative activities, and providing high levels of project and staff management. Most recently, she served as an independent consultant in all aspects of managing local units of government.

The new Deputy Administrator says she is “eager and honored” to work alongside Menzel, county commissioners, and county employees. “I am excited to forge the future of a county with such a vibrant and committed community.”

DeHaan assumed her position with County Administration today. She holds a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration on public management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Accounting/Management and Planning from Grand Valley State University. DeHaan is married and is an avid outdoorsperson who enjoys fishing, biking, and hiking.

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