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New G.T. County Finance Director Named

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Traverse City – Grand Traverse County Administrator Tom Menzel today announced the hiring of Jody N. Lundquist as the county’s new Finance Director.

According to the County Administrator, Lundquist “brings a breadth of knowledge, experience, and strong financial skills that have assisted communities through critical financial times.” Lundquist has served as Chief Financial Officer for the City of Flint and the Finance Director/Treasurer for the City of Benton Harbor. Said Menzel, “Lundquist’s experience in financially distressed communities is an asset to the County, and her commitment to being a strategic financial professional enables her to work with various audiences, including the state, community members, elected officials, and county departments and agencies. Menzel said he expects Lundquist will be a “key contributor” to the plan for shaping the county’s financial future, and “a welcomed addition” to the administrative team.

Prior to serving as Flint’s CFO and Benton Harbor’s Finance Director/Treasurer, Lundquist was Executive Administrator of the C.W. & Modene Neely Charitable Foundation in Arizona. She also founded and operated an Arizona-based company that prepared foreclosed homes for market, and has held positions as a tax associate and an accountant.

Lundquist earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness and her Certificate in Accountancy from Arizona State University. Her professional memberships include the Michigan State University Center for Local Government Finance and Policy Advisory Council, and the Michigan Government Officers’ Association.

Lundquist assumes her new position on July 5. In the meantime, said Lundquist, “I look forward to contributing to the long-term success of the county through ensuring sound financial planning and best practices. I am delighted to join such a strong, talented team that is dedicated to making an already great community even better.”

Named after Cubs’ catcher Jody Davis, Lundquist was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago. Her love for Michigan developed during childhood summers visiting family in Southwest Michigan. She recalls seeing a shooting star for the first time in her grandparents’ back yard, and being convinced that Michigan grows the healthiest earthworms. Lundquist says she believes Northern Michigan is the heart of the “Pure Michigan” campaign, and she looks forward to experiencing Cherry Festival for the first time this year.

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