

June 5, 2019

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Again I would ask that you change your meeting time from 8:00 in the morning.

Please eliminate the invocation. It is divisive and unpopular.

There is great public interest in the Airport and its plans. Since the recent clear cutting, the community is on alert as to what the Airport has on its agenda. The public needs maximum input into the Commission vs Authority study, the development of the clear cut property and any plans for Oakwood Cemetery.

We need to hear from the County Board of Commissioners on their ideas on how to maximize public participation in both the economic and aesthetic impact on the community, *regarding future plans for the airport.*

JUNE 5 Second Reading

May 15, 2019

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### **PUBLIC INPUT: About Public Input**

Democracy happens when "We the People" have a voice in making decisions about all matters that determine the relations between "We the People".

Good democracy can only happen when the voices of "We the People" are heard by those individuals who were elected by "We the People" to be representatives of "We the People", and entrusted with some power we allow them to rule over us. Government "by the people" is thus the basis of democracy.

"We the People" have long established rules that require our elected representatives to conduct decision making in full view of "We the People", which means we demand the opportunity to witness our government in action, and we expect our elected representatives to listen to us when we speak to them.

"We the People" are the "public" referred to in "public input", where "We the People" have a limited opportunity to express viewpoints and ask questions on various matters. You the representatives are expected to listen, and you are expected to take public input into consideration when making your decisions. "We the People" may never have unanimous agreement about your decisions, but your decisions will be judged according to how open you have been with the public.

Until a few weeks ago, Grand Traverse County used to acknowledge statements made during public input by stating in the meeting minutes the subject matter of each comment made, and sometimes if the presenter was "for" or "against" some proposed action. Now, the minutes only report a list of names under public comment. The gist of this seems to be: "We the People" have not been heard. Or, you of the commission are afraid to acknowledge there is public sentiment, and public knowledge that contradicts what you know to be true.

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Good Morning! My name is Sylvia McCullough, I live at ...

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*First,* I want to thank the Commissioners who reversed their decision and allowed the Tribe to disperse needed funding to their various applicants, as well as for reappointing Mary Marois to the Northern Michigan Mental Health Board. Mary has long years of serving on the board and will best serve mental health patients in our region with her expertise and experience. That was the right thing to do.

Secondly, going forward with your goal setting, I would urge the Commissioners to begin forming partnerships with other city, county, and state entities to solve our shortage of affordable workforce housing so that we can attract the young families with the skills and talents needed to grow our community. No man is an island, but working together in partnership, something could be accomplished.

Thirdly, I would urge the Commissioners to move your meeting time back to 5:30pm in the interest of openness and transparency which will allow working people to attend and offer their suggestions and input. At present you appear impervious to public input and intent on preventing it.

Finally, going forward I urge Commissioners to Vote Informed. If you don't understand something, table it until you have more information rather than voting out of personal interests or ideological mindsets as was the case with the Clean Needle Exchange Program. You in fact voted to spread Hepatitis in our community.

In future when you vote, Vote Honesty, Vote Integrity, Vote Transparency, and above all, vote in the best interests of the people of Grand Traverse County and future generations.

Thank You.



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Public Input: **Employment Contract Auto-Insurance Liability**

Any attempt by a person of average intelligence to understand the Michigan automobile insurance program, and the Personal Injury Protection, the "PIP" clauses contained therein, will likely go away even more confused and frustrated. Almost everything that the current legislature has added to the Act makes the entire document worse. Aside from the synopsis provided by the invested parties touting the reforms as an improvement, the realistic take-way is there is now a five-tier system that divides citizens into economic classes that determine their potential financial and medical risk futures.

Grand Traverse County recognizes the liability that commences when a contract is written where one party assumes an obligation to perform service for another, which is why the County requires contractors like *Independence Home Health Care* to provide certificates proving they carry both "general liability" insurance and "Workers Compensation" insurance covering their company and their employees.

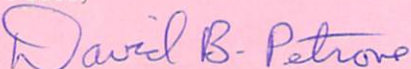
Last week Michigan changed from a system of "No-Fault Auto Insurance" with unlimited personal injury protection that applied equally to automobile owners, drivers, passengers and even pedestrians involved in an automobile accident. Those days are gone and now it is time to start writing contracts that ensure the County does not get caught in lawsuits where injury judgments could easily dwarf our total retirement obligations.

Anyone who drives a vehicle as an employee of the County is now individually at risk for their own injury and any injury they may contribute to causing. If they have a minimal policy, after their basic coverage runs out, the courts will come after their personal assets, then they will go after the deepest pockets connected to the liable party. That may be a plow truck in the winter, a building inspector, or a county clerk driving to a polling precinct, or a commissioner going to a meeting where they are paid a per diem and travel expenses.

As new agreements are drafted, this county should expect to pay more by requiring all contractors and all employees to have maximum personal injury protection that provides at least as much as we used to have in Michigan. It is the same old axiom of: "We can pay now or pay a lot more later, but we will pay eventually."

We should be prepared to pay the consequences, because now it is "Your-Fault Auto Insurance", or perhaps someone else's fault, depending on who can afford the better lawyer.

Peace,



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