

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting  
August 21, 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 Adam Ray, Harvest Bible Chapel, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PRESENT: Addison Wheelock, Jr., Gordie LaPointe, Brad Jewett, Bryce Hundley,  
Betsy Coffia, Ron Clous, and Rob Hentschel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 7, 2019 Regular Meeting

Moved by Hundley, seconded by Jewett to approve the minutes listed above. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the Commissioners during Public Comment:

**Matt Schoech  
Tom Peters  
Lynn VanNess  
Bill Williston  
Stan Verheul  
Linda Koebert  
Brenda Earl  
Beth Price  
Kate Dahlstrom  
Kelly Thayer  
Emily Magner  
Rick Brown  
Kate Madigan  
Margaret Pierson  
Roberta Meserve  
Rolinda Lamay  
Jackie Anderson  
Gretchen Iorio  
Cynthia Minor  
June Thaden**

**Jeff Smith  
Barry Lishawa  
Dave Durbin  
Carol Shuckra  
Karen Comella  
Marty Alvarez  
Ted Iorio  
Christina Riddle  
John McDonald  
Chelsea Cooper  
Amy Yee  
Ann Rogers  
Barb Willing  
Susan Wheaton  
Anna Norris  
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Betsy Coffia  
Bob Mannes  
Holly Bird**

**Barb S.  
Bill Latka  
Katie May  
Allen McCullough  
Jane Wild  
Andy Marek  
Mary Jean McLin  
Dave Petrove  
Jade Prange  
Joanne Robb  
Ellen Fivenson  
Dave Nichols  
Harold Lassers  
Kellyn Hundley  
Laura DeGabriele  
Allison Costello  
Sylvia McCullough  
Katie Grier  
Tom Mair**

\*\*\*\* Commissioners took a break at 9:37 a.m.

\*\*\*\* Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:51 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Hundley, seconded by Coffia to remove item 10a (Resolution in Support of Line 5 Tunnel) and item 6b-7(2020 Census Resolution) and approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 1 No 6

Nays: Wheelock, LaPointe, Jewett, Hundley, Clous and Hentschel

Motion failed.

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to move item 10a (Resolution in Support of Line 5 Tunnel) to Special Orders of Business and approve the agenda as amended.

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. July 2019 Report from the GT Conservation District

B. APPROVALS

1. Resolution 113-2019  
Circuit Court – Family Division  
Child Care Fund Budget  
Grand Traverse County 2019-2020
2. Resolution 114-2019  
Finance Department  
July 2019 Claims
3. Resolution 115-2019  
Finance Department  
FY2019 Budget Amendments
4. Support of Application for Grant for Civic Center Master Planning – *removed from calendar*
5. Resolution 116-2019  
Information Technology  
Maintenance Renewal of the VMware Server Infrastructure

6. Resolution 117-2019  
Information Technology  
Microsoft Windows Server & SQL Licenses

7. 2020 Census Resolution – *removed from calendar*

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

After the Chief Deputy County Clerk read the Consent Calendar for the record, the following items were removed:

b-4	Page 53	By Dave Petrove
b-7	Page 61	By Wheelock

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Hundley to approve the Consent Calendar minus items b-4 and b-7.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

**10a Resolution in Support Line 5 Tunnel**

Commissioners discussed the proposed resolution in Support of Line 5 Tunnel.

Resolution 118-2019  
Grand Traverse County Resolution in  
Support of Line 5 Tunnel

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Clous to approve Resolution 118-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 4 No 3

Nays: Wheelock, Hundley, and Coffia

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

**Support of Application for Grant for Civic Center Master Planning**

Kristine Erikson, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed request for support and answered Commissioners' questions.

Resolution 119-2019  
Support of Application for Grant for  
Civic Center Master Planning

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Coffia to approve Resolution 119-2019.

Motion Carried

### **2020 Census Resolution**

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Hentschel to approve the 2020 Census Resolution with the correction of the approval date to August 21, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 3 No 4

Nays: Wheelock, LaPointe, Hundley, and Coffia

Motion Failed

### **DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS**

#### **a. Finance**

- 1) Preliminary Review of Underfunded Status and Notice of Deficiencies  
Dean Bott, Finance Director, reviewed the State of Michigan's Preliminary Review of Underfunded Status and Notice of Deficiencies, the County's response and answered Commissioners' questions.

Resolution 120-2019  
Finance  
Application of Waiver

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 120-2019.  
Motion Carried

Commissioners took a break at 11:43 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:47 a.m.

- 2) Refunding GTC Building Authority Series 2012 Bonds  
Dean Bott, Finance Director, reviewed the request for Refunding Grand Traverse County Building Authority Series 2012 Bonds and answered Commissioners' questions.

Resolution 121-2019  
Building Authority  
Resolution Authorizing Refunding of the Grand Traverse County Building Authority, Building Authority Bonds, Series 2012 and Approving the Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure

Moved by Wheelock, seconded by Coffia to approve Resolution 121-2019.  
Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **a. Resolution in Support of Line 5 Tunnel (Jewett) – moved to *Special Orders of Business***

#### **b. Drain Commissioner Opinion regarding Office**

Nate Alger, County Administrator, presented an opinion regarding the Office of the Drain Commissioner from December 2011.

**c. Welding and Fabrications Bids**

Resolution 122-2019  
Welding and Fabrication  
Non-Exclusive Agreements

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 122-2019, with the addition of: contract term expiration of December 31, 2020 and no facilities or employees of the County will be used to complete the contract.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, Abstain 1  
Abstain: Wheelock

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICES

**August 28, 2019 Study Session – Economic Development Corporation and TIF 97**

**September 4 – Regular Meeting – MERS Presentation**

**September 11 – Ethics Ad Hoc Committee @ 9:00 a.m.**

CLOSED SESSION

None

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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Sarah B. Lutz, Chief Deputy County Clerk

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Rob Hentschel, Chairman

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