

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting  
November 20, 2019

Chairman Hentschel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Governmental Center.

**OPENING CEREMONIES, EXERCISES OR INVOCATION**

Commissioner Hundley made the opening remarks, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PRESENT: Gordie LaPointe, Brad Jewett, Bryce Hundley, Betsy Coffia (8:06 a.m.),  
Ron Clous and Rob Hentschel

EXCUSED: Addison Wheelock, Jr.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of November 6, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

Commissioner Coffia arrived at 8:06 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people addressed the Commissioners during Public Comment:

**Whitney Waara**

**Robert Stedman**

**David Petrove**

**Beth Price**

**Tom Bousamra**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Add two additional 2% Grant Applications under New Business.

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Hundley to approve the agenda with the addition as listed above.  
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. Michigan Township Minutes of November 17, 2019-Regular Meeting
2. Treasurer's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report
3. Expenditure Report > \$5000 – *Removed from calendar*

**B. APPROVALS**

1. **Resolution 168-2019**  
Finance  
October 2019 Claims Approval
2. **Resolution 169-2019**  
Finance  
Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendments
3. Commission on Aging- Addition of New Cab Vendor – Removed from calendar
4. **Resolution 170-2019**  
Boards & Committees  
City of Traverse City Board Appointments
5. Appointment Recommendations (Parks, Airport, Human Services, Veterans)  
Removed from calendar.
6. **Resolution 171-2019**  
Resource Recovery  
Michigan Department of Environment,  
Great Lakes and Energy  
Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Agreement
7. **Resolution 172-2019**  
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians  
2% Fund Grant Applications

**ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

b-3                   Page 40                   By Jewett

b-5                   Page 48                   By Coffia

Commissioner Hundley indicated that he will be abstaining from voting on the Consent Calendar due to a Conflict of Interest.

Moved by Clous, seconded by Coffia to approve the Consent Calendar minus items a-3, b-3 and b-5.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 5, Abstain 1, Excused 1

Abstain: Hundley

#### **SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS**

##### **a.     Public Hearing – Budget Hearing**

Chairman Hentschel opened the Public Hearing at 8:19 a.m.

Dean Bott, Finance Director, answered Commissioners questions and reported that the Board of Commissioners will levy 4.9019 mills to support general fund operations for the 2019 Tax Year (2020 Budget Year).

##### **Public Comment**

None

There being no further discussion or correspondence, the public hearing was closed  
At 8:27 a.m.

##### **b.     Senior Center Presentation – Ray Kendra**

Ray Kendra gave a presentation on the plans for the new

#### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **a-3    Expenditure Report > \$5000**

Dean Bott, Finance Director, answered Commissioners' questions.

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Coffia to Receive Item a-3, Expenditure Report > \$5,000.  
Motion carried.

##### **b-3    Commission on Aging - Addition of new Cab Vendor**

Cindy Kienlan, Commission on Aging Director, answered Commissioners' questions.

Resolution 173-2019  
Commission on Aging  
Odawa County Taxi Cab  
Transportation Contract

Moved by Hundley, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 173-2019.  
Motion carried.

**b-5 Appointment Recommendations (Parks, Airport, Human Services, Veterans)**

174-2019  
Boards & Committees  
Appointments

Moved by Jewett, seconded by LaPointe to approve Resolution 174-2019.  
Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Finance Department – Bond Ratings**

Dean Bott, Finance Director, provided information on the new Bond Rating from S&P Global.

Commissioners took a break at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:48 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Finance – 2020 Recommended Budget**

Resolution 175-2019  
2020 General Appropriation Resolution

Moved by Clous, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 175-2019.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes 6, Excused 1

**b. Airport Presentation and Airport Governance Ad Hoc Recommendation**

Steve Baldwin gave a presentation regarding the current governance model of the Cherry Capital Airport and possible transition to a regional Airport Authority.

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Jewett to direct staff to explore articles of incorporation with Leelanau and report to the board with what they feel would be mutually acceptable, incorporating in the process a public input session to be held at a December Board of Commissioner meeting.

A friendly amendment was added to also have Administration come back with clear pros and cons from the County perspective with a target date of March 4, 2020.  
Motion carried.

Commissioners took a break at 11:07 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:17 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion of Committee Assignments**

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Clous to appoint Commissioner Jewett to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Motion carried.

**b. Proposed Resolution PAC Conflict of Interest**

Moved by Hundley, seconded by Coffia to refer the resolution to the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee under whose purview the subject directly falls and further to direct the Ad Hoc Committee to work in consultation with legal counsel to consider the legal bounds of the resolution and other possible remedies such as the conflict of interest policy in its current form and to draft the appropriate resolution language to avoid the perception of tax funded influence.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 2, No 4, Excused 1

Nay: Clous, LaPointe, Jewett, and Hentschel

Motion failed

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Hundley to table this issue and refer it to legal counsel to provide an opinion at the December 4, 2019 meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 4, No 2, Excused 1

Nay: Clous and Hentschel

**c. Recommendation of Approval of Additional 2% Applications**

**1. Administration – Grand Traverse Pavilions**

Moved by Hundley, seconded by Clous to approve the 2% application for the Grand Traverse Pavilions. Motion carried.

**2. Veteran's Affairs – Reining Liberty**

Moved by Clous, seconded by Jewett to approve the 2% application for Reining Liberty. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following person addressed the Commissioners during Public Comment:

**Bruce Moore**

**COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

**NOTICES**

**December 4 – Regular Meeting**

**December 18 – Regular Meeting**

**January 8, 2020 – Organizational Meeting**

**January 8, 2020 – Regular Meeting (following Organizational meeting)**

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk

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Rob Hentschel, Chairman

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