



GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

MEETING DATE: December 4, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Administration

SUBMITTED BY: Nate Alger, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Administrator's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Information Only

SUMMARY:

Please find attached the Administrator's Report for December of 2019

ATTACHMENTS:

[Copy of December 2019 Administrator Report](#)



Administrator Report

December 2019

Negotiations

- Union negotiations are in progress with FOPLC Corrections Officers, FOPLC Central Records, AFSCME, the Teamsters Central Dispatch groups, FOPLC General, FOPLC Health, and the two Circuit Court Associations.
 - Teamsters District Court has signed the Agreement
 - We have a Tentative Agreement with AFSCME
 - Negotiations on-going

GovInvest

- I signed a 1 year agreement with Ted Price and GovInvest. We have been working with Ted at GovInvest since December of 2018 and have opted for a one year trial period of the GovInvest Software.
- On May 22nd Ted presented the GovInvest Software to the Board of Commissioners at the Health Services Building. Since then, Ted and the Administration have been working on the details of the agreement and the value added to Grand Traverse County in purchasing the software.
- Key to us are the reports that the GovInvest Software can provide to us in a much more timely manner. This will allow us to share up to date information that is public facing and easy to understand and allow us to see potential impacts of decisions on the long term costs to the county.

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- December 2nd reps from Tyler will be here to meet with various departments to discuss development and implementation of the on-line portal.
- East Bay Township has committed to partner with us to test this project.

DASHBOARD

- We have received proposals from five vendors ranging from \$6,000 to \$44,000. Staff is finalizing their review and consideration of the proposals and we will be making a determination soon.

Hall of Justice

- The remediation and remodeling efforts at the Hall of Justice are nearing completion. Carpet will be installed in the middle of December and we hope that the Hall of Justice staff will be able to return to their normal work space on December 22nd. An update will be provided to the Board of Commissioners after the move.

Farm House at Maple Bay

- The final burn of the Maple Bay Farm House occurred on November 13th. The house is down to the foundation and the foundation will be filled in this spring.

Senior Center

- Ray Kendra, the architect hired to design the proposed new Senior Center, presented at a joint Parks and Recreation session on November 7 and to the Board of Commissioners on November 20. Next steps will be for Mr. Kendra to present to the City Commission and to finalize the design of the proposed Senior Center.
- A funding mechanism for the proposed Senior Center has not been identified but the Friends of the Senior Center have inquired if a one-time millage to build the proposed center would be possible.
- Grand Traverse County's millage is currently set at 0.0982 mills (of an allowed up to .10 mill) and generates approximately \$493,194 after captures, for the programming for the Senior Center.

Michigan Indigent Defense Commission

- The amendment to our Compliance Plan that would provide for a third party Administrator was not approved and will be acted on in December of this year.
- We have met with Antrim County and have created a job description and we will be posting an RFQ in anticipation that the MIDC approves our amended plan.

Halloween

- For the second year in a row GT County and the City of Traverse City hosted a Halloween event from 3 to 5. The event allows the county staff to decorate, dress up, and pass out candy to Trick-or-Treaters.

American Waste Complaint

- Mr. Tholen, Mr. Schaffer of Resource Recovery, and I met late last week to discuss the complaint from American Waste and how to address it further. Mr. Schaffer was familiar with the issue and will be looking into the issue further and will report back to us.

IT Director

- We have received 28 applications to date for the IT Director position. Ms. Kinsey has already spoken with some of the applicants and we will be setting interviews soon. The position was posted via the county website, Career Builder, and Facebook.
- We have also met with several organizations about creating an IT committee that we could use to identify best practices and efficiencies to be had by all involved. This discussion has been on-going for a few months and we hope to establish the committee soon.

Pugsley Range

- We are still in discussions with the Michigan Land Bank, Fife Lake Township, and NorthBay Capital to take ownership of the Pugsley range and gain concurrence from Fife Lake Township on the proposed Brownfield plan.

Chamber Expo

- On November 19th, the County attended the Traverse City Chamber of Commerce Business Expo to showcase to the public and business community the diverse offerings the County offers the public such as parkland and amenities, recreational opportunities, recycling collections, and ways to volunteer or be involved.