



GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2021

DEPARTMENT: Administration

SUBMITTED BY: Nate Alger, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Administrator's Report

SUMMARY:

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ATTACHMENTS:

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Sewer Leak at Parsons and Hastings

A sewer line owned by the Board of Public Works and located at the intersection of Parsons and Hastings in the city limits ruptured allowing 200 gallons of untreated sewage to leak from the pipe. City staff recognize the issue immediately, contacted the Department of Public works immediately, the Department of Public works contracted with Elmer's and the situation was mitigated very quickly. It was determined that the cause of the leak was a rupture in the sewer line at that location and it is believed that that sewer line was placed in the 70s or 80s. The situation has been resolved and the pipe has been fixed. I am in discussions with the DPW director, John Divozzo about how we can improve the sanitary sewer lines within the various municipalities of Grand Traverse County.

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

We have concluded our analysis of the options for our ERP platform. The review committee has determined that "Workday" is the preferred platform for Grand Traverse County. We have requested a quote from Workday and we hope to begin transformation to Workday as soon as September 30th. Once we have the full quote from Workday we will present the quote to the Board of Commissioners the process that was used.

Request for State funding to address water and sewer infrastructure

We had an opportunity to present a letter to the speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Mr. Jason Wentworth through Representative John Roth, asking for state aid in helping Grand Traverse County protect our water resources. The request was for \$20 million to be used as a 50% grant match to local municipalities that wanted to add to, repair, or maintain existing water/sewer infrastructure in Grand Traverse County. I worked with Commissioners Henschel and Jewett to present that letter to Mr. Wentworth on July 21. I will report back to you if we have any correspondence back from Mr. Wentworth or from Representative Roth.

Potential Partnership with Leelanau County

I am in very preliminary discussions with Mr. Janek, County Administrator for Leelanau County, about a possible partnership with Leelanau County to provide IT services. The IT Director from Leelanau County has plans to retire next year and we're exploring opportunities to partner with or provide IT services to Leelanau County.

Wage and Compensation Study

We have just completed the job specific questionnaire of those employees that have completed the questionnaires. Those questionnaires have been provided to Supervisors and Department Heads for

review. We are completing the management review process of the questionnaires and we will be meeting with MAG to discuss how we go forward. We're expecting this process to be concluded at the end of September.

Budget Process

The various departments and elected offices are in the process of completing their budget entries into the AS 400 and have submitted their staffing requests. Currently Finance is working on loading the personnel costs into the budget. We hope to have a recommended budget to the Board of Commissioners on October 6th.

Mtskheta – Traverse City Sister City Meeting

In the early 1990s representatives from Grand Traverse County and representatives from Soviet Georgia engaged in a Sister City relationship during which a contingent of representatives from Grand Traverse County visited the city of Mtskheta in Georgia and a contingent of representatives from Mtskheta Georgia visited Grand Traverse County. This relationship has been memorialized by the statute, created by famous Georgian artist, Marab Berdzenishvili, that now sits on the northeast side of our Boardman Campus.

Mr. Forsyth and I had a virtual meeting with a member of the Georgian contingent, a representative of the Georgian state, and a member of the United States State Department on Wednesday July 28th. The purpose of this meeting was to reconnect and familiarize ourselves with the relationship between Mtskheta and Grand Traverse County and to provide an update on the progress of Mtskheta and Georgia in general. It is apparent through our discussions during the meeting that there is a desire to exchange visits in the future between Grand Traverse County and Mtskheta. We will be working with the State Department to discuss this further as currently the pandemic would certainly prohibit this type of travel. When the global situation permits, there is an interest by all parties to reconnect in this relationship through the Sister City international program. I will keep you advised of the progress.