



GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

MEETING DATE: December 1, 2021

DEPARTMENT: Administration

SUBMITTED BY: Nate Alger, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Administrator's Report

SUMMARY:

Administrator's Report for December 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

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Administrator's Report

Workday

We are well underway with the Workday project. We are preparing for data conversion, and we believe that will begin in early December. The data that will be converted will need to be screened to minimize duplication and errors prior to it being entered into Workday. This process will take several weeks. As of our last Executive Committee meeting, we are on schedule with the project.

Wage and Compensation Study

In the agenda packet you have the report from MAG. MAG and HR Director Kinsey will be presenting the report. We are reviewing the data and working with Labor Counsel to discuss how we should move forward. I would expect that we will have preliminary recommendations to discuss with you in a closed session on December 15th.

Budget Process

We have met with various Department Heads and Elected Officials that have requested staffing changes. We have not been able to meet with all yet but will finalize that process by the end of next week. We will present a full recommendation for the staffing requests on December 15th. At this point in time, I do not expect that many, if any concerns, will need to be addressed with the staffing recommendations.

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Our Administrative Team had a follow up meeting on November 23rd with Tim Dempsey of Public Sector Consultants. Mr. Dempsey has confirmed that we are in a good space with the ARP discussion as we still do not have the final rules. We will be meeting with him on a bi-weekly basis for now and we expect to have our kickoff meeting in January 2022.

Light Parade

On Saturday November 20th Grand Traverse County participated in the "Light Parade" in downtown Traverse City. 56 employees signed up to participate from a variety of Offices and Departments. I would like to thank Sarah Adams, Lisa Emery, and Hannah Stachnick of the Administration office for setting up and managing the event.



Senior Center

We have met with Mayor Richard Lewis and Mr. Colburn about the Senior Center and the County Board of Commissioner's most recent resolution. We have agreed that we will work on a short-term agreement to continue to provide programming at the existing facility on Front Street while we work through the larger endeavor. We are currently working through those terms and condition.

Twin Lakes

You may have seen an article in the Ticker about a proposal from Long Lake Township to take over operation of Twin Lakes Park. This is an ongoing discussion between Long Lake Township officials and the Parks and Recreation Department. Long Lake Supervisor Ron Lemcool and Parks and Recreation President Alisa Korn are in discussions on how to move forward with this proposal.

Municipal Excellence Award

On November 4th I attended the Grand Traverse County Chapter of the Michigan Township Association's Awards banquet at Boone's Long Lake In. While attending, I accepted on behalf of Grand Traverse County, a "Municipal Excellence Award" in recognition of Grand Traverse County's efforts in the Grand Traverse County COVID-19 Joint Operations Committee and response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As you know, our community's collaborative response to the pandemic received recognition statewide as a model response. I would like to thank all of our JOC partners for their contribution and collaboration in the success of the Joint Operations Committee.

Municipal Excellence Award
Presented to
Grand Traverse County
in recognition of the
Joint Operation Center

This award recognizes innovative problem-solving and collaboration in management, technology, communications, public safety and works, use of resources, or municipal spirit for the benefit of the greater community.

Recognized this date, November 4, 2021, by the
Grand Traverse County Chapter of Michigan Township Association.



Please let me know if you have any questions about this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate Alger".

Nate Alger
Grand Traverse County Administrator