

Administration and County Services Committee

David Heeres

Ed Boettcher, Chairman

Laura Stanek

Minutes - February 3, 2016

Members present: Ed Boettcher, David Heeres, Laura Stanek
Members absent: David Heeres
Others present: Mike Crawford, Pete Garwood, Sheryl Guy, Sherry Comben, Janet Koch, Bill Bailey

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ed Boettcher.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Probate Court Administrator/County Juvenile Officer On-Call Stipend

Judge Norman Hayes was not able to be present at the meeting; the agenda item was postponed to the March meeting.

4. Prosecuting Attorney Personnel

Jim Rossiter, Prosecuting Attorney, said the Victim's Advocate/Witness Coordinator position had been vacant since early January. He said this was the same as the Victim's Rights position. Mr. Rossiter said the County had statutory obligations regarding these functions, adding that the State of Michigan reimburses the County for wages and expenses.

The Victim's Advocate/Witness Coordinator keeps victims of certain crimes notified of court dates, coordinates consultations with prosecutor, coordinates addressing the court at sentencing and at court hearings, provides information regarding damages. Mr. Rossiter is considering the possibility of making the position part time, but it is now a full time position. Pete Garwood, County Administrator, noted that could create a change in the funding.

Motion by Laura Stanek, seconded by Dave Heeres, to recommend the Board of Commissioners release the funds and authorize the Antrim County Prosecutor to engage in the hiring process for the full-time Victim's Advocate/Witness Coordinator position. Motion carried – unanimous.

5. Register of Deeds Personnel

Patty Niepoth, Register of Deeds, introduced her deputy, Sally Freeman. Ms. Niepoth said her irregular part-time Clerk II had submitted a letter of resignation.

Motion by Dave Heeres, seconded by Laura Stanek, to recommend the Board of Commissioners release the funds and authorize the Register of Deeds to engage in the hiring process for the irregular part-time Clerk II position, with the position to be filled no sooner than February 18, 2016. Motion carried – unanimous.

6. Performance Evaluations

Mr. Garwood had provided a memo with the agenda packets that described his findings regarding performance evaluations. It was Mr. Garwood's opinion that the 360 performance reviews were not suitable for the County. 360 reviews provide feedback regarding an employee's performance from immediate coworkers, subordinates, and supervisors.

Mr. Boettcher said the goals of an evaluation needed to be determined. He mentioned helping employees to reach their full potential and to identify problems before they become critical. Merit pay was also mentioned, as was aligning the salaries of department heads to meet more closely with comparable counties. Mr. Garwood said merit pay was problematic in the public sector.

Ms. Stanek said Mr. Garwood should be including elected officials as part of his exploration regarding performance appraisals. Mr. Garwood said it was his understanding that the Board had directed him to look at evaluating department heads under his supervision; elected officials are not supervised by the County Administrator. He added that he was certainly willing to work with any elected officials who were interested.

Mr. Boettcher asked Mr. Garwood to set up a system for the evaluation of department heads and to present the Committee with goals for those evaluations.

7. Equalization Department Recommendation (see attached pgs. 5-11)

Mr. Garwood had included a memo regarding an Assistant Equalization Director position in the agenda packets. He said the cost would be \$11,000 more annually than a Clerk I, the position for which monies had already been approved. Mr. Garwood's opinion was that it would be a salaried position.

Mr. Garwood mentioned that Ms. Stanek had recently suggested the possibility of utilizing the Abstract Department personnel to assist the Equalization Department. Ms. Stanek said it was unfortunate that the offer from the Abstract Department wasn't being taken seriously. Polly Cairns, Equalization Director, said she needed someone with experience to review the Equalization files.

Mr. Boettcher asked about an adjustment to her contract if the department had more depth of experience; Ms. Cairns said if the County hired someone with enough expertise for her to feel comfortable signing the rolls, she would certainly be willing to consider a contract negotiation to consider a reduction in her fee.

Ms. Cairns added that certification doesn't necessarily equate to the experience needed to perform the tasks that Equalization requires. She told the Committee that the State of Michigan had recently certified 40 level MCAO assessors (Level 2), but most of them already had jobs and were not looking for new employment.

The memo from Mr. Garwood had indicated that a township has expressed dissatisfaction with the County services currently being provided per agreement. Mr. Garwood said a loss of the township contracts would mean a reduction in revenue and an increased cost to the County due to a less coordinated process which would result in an increased work load. This is why it is important to hire someone with experience, certification and skill.

Mr. Boettcher said the advertisement for an Assistant Equalization Director could mention a range of pay rates based on certification levels.

Motion by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Dave Heeres, to recommend the Finance Committee identify the funds and the Board of Commissioners approve the hiring process for an Assistant Equalization Director at a first year cost of \$52,527.67 and to rescind the November 12, 2015 Board of Commissioner motion to hire a Clerk I in the Equalization Department.

Yes votes – Ed Boettcher, Dave Heeres; No vote – Laura Stanek. Motion carried.

Ms. Cairns said it wasn't possible to contract out an entire Equalization Department. Appraisal could be contracted out, as well as signing the roll, but some functions had to stay within the County. She added that the proposed Assistant Equalization Director position wasn't comparable to other deputies or assistants in the County since certifications were required.

8. Data Sharing (see attached pg. 12)

Motion by Dave Heeres, seconded by Laura Stanek, to recommend the Board of Commissioners approve the request from Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy to waive the fees and approve the provision of the parcel line spatial data from the County Geographical Information System (GIS) database. Motion carried – unanimous.

9. Huron County Resolutions (see attached pgs. 13-18)

Motion by Laura Stanek, seconded by Dave Heeres, to recommend the Board of Commissioners approve a similar resolution to the Huron County resolution 16-9C, that urges the State lawmakers and top officials to pass a statute that would make the legislature and the Governor subject to the State's open records laws. Motion carried – unanimous.

The Committee discussed the Huron County resolution 16-10C and chose not to approve a similar resolution.

Motion by Laura Stanek, seconded by Dave Heeres, to recommend the Board of Commissioners approve a resolution similar to the Huron County resolution in support of SB 703, which would amend the recently amended Campaign Finance Act to remove language that would restrict local units of government and schools from discussing ballot proposals in the 60-day period prior to the election in which the issue appears on the ballot. Motion carried – unanimous.

10. IT Department Update

Valerie Craft, IT Director, said she would like to begin providing a monthly update to the Committee to provide them with more information about her department.

Ms. Craft referred to the agreement between the State and the County to install new fiber between the County Building, the 1905 Courthouse and the Sheriff's Office, and said the State's installers had showed up unexpectedly on December 1. The underground fiber is now in place, but the final connection within the buildings had not been made. Ms. Craft had not been informed of the date when that final connection would take place.

Both Ms. Craft and Dave Vitale had been called in on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day due to the power outage. 911 Dispatch uses the County Building servers for the alpha-numeric paging. Ms. Craft said the server room is now hooked up to the generator, which is working well after some maintenance. With that connection in place, she will not have to be called out when the County Building's power supply is interrupted. She is also working on using an additional protocol for the Alpha-Numeric Paging that will not depend on the email server and could be set up for fail-over. She also indicated that there is redundant internet connections setup for the the Alpha-Numeric Paging.

In addition, Ms. Craft has purchased 22 replacement computers which she and her staff, Jeremy Scott, are working to install the proper software products and get them into the offices where they are needed. She added that Mr. Scott has obtained his CompTiA A+ certification and was working toward his CompTiA Network+ certification.

Ms. Craft said the Sheriff's Department had approached her about giving offsite deputies the ability to enter time sheets remotely. She told the Committee that BS&A has an employee self-service portal. That software had been purchased and implemented when the County purchased the BS&A system, but since that time, the payments for support and maintenance had stopped due to the portal not being used. The annual fee is \$3,990.00.

The portal provides more than remote entering of time sheets. It also allows employees to view past financial information and available leave time. It allows selection and change of benefit plans during open enrollment and allows employees to request changes to their personal employment information. In addition, it includes the ability to create online job applications which results in application information being brought directly into the human resources database when an employee is hired.

Mr. Garwood said the cost for the service and maintenance had been approved in the past. Deb Haydell, County Accountant, said there is a line item for BS&A in the budget. Ms. Haydell said \$7,000.00 was available for this year, but there was going to be another cost for other modules. She said she would look into whether or not there will be enough left to pay the annual fee for the portal.

Ms. Craft said she was waiting for a response regarding whether or not the funds were available. The Committee discussed the entry of time sheets; it was suggested that time sheets and the employee portal be discussed at the next department head meeting.

11. Various Matters as Appropriate

Document Management

Janet Koch, Associate Planner, had included a memo that detailed her recent findings regarding document management, which is more accurately known as Electronic Content Management (ECM). Mr. Garwood said the memo was for information purposes only; he was not formally requesting the purchase. Mr. Boettcher said he would like to see a comprehensive plan for county-wide document management. Ms. Koch said she would put together something for the 2017 budget.

Sherry Comben, County Treasurer, said she considered microfilming to be the most permanent method of storage and the most suitable method for her department. Mr. Rossiter said his office had been using the Laserfiche document management system through General Code Laserfiche for more than two years and considered it to be an asset.

Dave Heeres made a motion to purchase the General Code Laserfiche system for the Administration Department. There was no second to the motion.

Ms. Koch said purchasing the document management system for the Administration Department would not reduce any expenditures for the County, adding that beyond the original purchase price there would be annual service costs. The purchase, however, would allow the Administration Department to accomplish more.

Mr. Garwood told Mr. Boettcher, who had been absent at the previous day's Special Administration Committee meeting, that the mediation had been cancelled; the mediator had not been able to attend the meeting due to the poor road conditions in his area. Mr. Garwood said one outcome of the grievance meeting was support of the actions taken by the Sheriff and the need to research past practices regarding the contracts. He added that an unfair labor practice had been filed by Bob Donick.

12. Public Comment

Bill Bailey said the Center for Public Integrity had rated the State of Michigan at the bottom of the barrel in almost every category in their corruptibility report card. He applauded Huron County and the Committee regarding the resolution that the State be subject to the Freedom of Information Act and thank the Committee for recommending similar action by the Board of Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.



Memorandum Administration Office

January 28, 2015

TO: Administration Committee

FR: Peter Garwood
County Administrator

RE: Equalization Department Leadership

It has been nearly one year that Antrim County has been without a full-time director in the Equalization Department and three months with inadequate staffing. Polly Cairns has done a good job of keeping the County in compliance with the State regulations, making sure that all required reports are completed and approvals are gained. However, as you know she has not been able to spend as much time in the office as both she and we would like. The current staff of the Equalization Department has been experiencing the stress trying to keep the office running with inadequate overall departmental staffing.

We have interviewed prospective employees to fill the void, but none of the individuals interviewed have worked out. The most recently interviewed prospects, although nice people, were not qualified for the job and would have created additional strain on the current employees as they lacked the knowledge to provide the answers to likely questions. They would have required an unreasonable amount of training to perform most functions needed by the office.

Ms. Cairns approached me recently to inquire about proposing an assistant equalization director. At first I wasn't sure it was a good idea, mainly because I wasn't sure there would be the support for it on the Board. As I thought about it more and more, it seems to be the move that makes the most sense for the following reasons:

- Ms. Cairns is out of the office the majority of the time. Hiring an assistant equalization director with the proper qualifications will provide stability to the office as we can have someone in the office that can answer the tough questions and provide quality assistance with the many reports required by the State.
- By hiring an assistant equalization director, we can be grooming the individual to eventually take over the position of equalization director once they are fully qualified and we feel comfortable with their abilities (with Ms. Cairn's guidance).
- It would require a wage or salary commensurate with the responsibilities. Although it would cost the County more than a Clerk II or a Clerk I, it is Ms. Cairns' opinion we would attract more candidates as well as a higher caliber of candidates (with appropriate certifications and experience to hit the ground running).

- Last week a township supervisor stopped me and inquired if we were going to get the equalization department figured out soon. He informed me they are not getting what they are paying for from the agreement the townships have with the County. He indicated if it doesn't happen soon, they will be terminating the agreement. The agreement is set to expire on December 31, 2016. If other townships are feeling the same way, we could lose both the revenue generated by the agreement (about \$23,000) and the county-wide coordination and consistency the agreement provides for our Equalization Department and Treasurer Office.

Attached is a spreadsheet that indicates the cost of the new position and a Description of Essential Duties. The calculation contemplates a start date of March 21, 2016. A full year of compensation would cost approximately \$65,000 including wage and benefits.

The following motion is presented for your consideration:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to recommend the Finance Committee identify the funds and the Board of Commissioners approve the hiring process for an Assistant Equalization Director at a first year cost of \$52,527.67.

**ESTIMATED WAGE BENEFIT INFO for Full Time Assistant Director
Equalization Department**

2016				CALCULATION EXPLANATIONS BI-WEEKLY CALCULATION ESTIMATES WAGES: Hourly rate x 75(hours in two week pay period) FICA: Employer percentage x total taxable gross Health: \$1361.89 (family) /Dnt \$121.97 : Premium /2 to get estimated bi-weekly rate Life&Dis: Premium / 2 to get estimated bi-weekly rate Work Comp: is \$0.28 x \$100 earned MERS: New FT employees receive DB and DC benefit
START WAGES-Ass't Eq Director				
Wages	19.93	75	1,494.75	
FICA	7.65%		114.35	
Health Ins/Dental		1484	742.00	
Life & Dis		46.8	23.41	
Work Comp	0.28	100	4.19	
MERS				
DB Portion	6.93%		103.59	
DC Portion	1.07%		15.99	
TOTAL-BI WEEKLY ESTIMATE			2,498.27	
13 pays			32,477.49	

2016				CALCULATION EXPLANATIONS BI-WEEKLY CALCULATION ESTIMATES WAGES: Hourly rate x 75(hours in two week pay period) FICA: Employer percentage x total taxable gross Health: \$1361.89 (family) /Dnt \$121.97 : Premium /2 to get estimated bi-weekly rate Life&Dis: Premium / 2 to get estimated bi-weekly rate Work Comp: is \$0.28 x \$100 earned MERS: New FT employees receive DB and DC benefit
6 Months WAGES-Ass't Eq Director				
Wages	20.49	75	1,536.75	
FICA	7.65%		117.56	
Health Ins/Dental		1484	742.00	
Life & Dis		46.8	23.41	
Work Comp	0.28	100	4.30	
MERS				
DB Portion	6.93%		106.50	
DC Portion	1.07%		16.44	
TOTAL-BI-WEEKLY ESTIMATE			2,546.96	
8 Pays			20,375.67	

ESTIMATED ANNUAL TOTAL WAGES & BENEFITS	52,853.17
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<p>COUNTY OF ANTRIM DESCRIPTION OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES</p>
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EQUALIZATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

SUMMARY:

Under the direct supervision of the Equalization Director as the second-in-command, participates in administration of the department; assists the Equalization Director with establishing and implementing department policies and procedures and generally providing leadership to the other employees in the Equalization Department. In the absence of, or at the direction of, the Equalization Director, represents the department before the County Board, works with other County departments, supervises and implements the sales and ratio study functions and performs special projects as assigned.

The Assistant Director troubleshoots difficult or sensitive issues between the department and the public.

Primary function of the position is to serve as the sole assistant and second-in-command for an entire County department and to provide professional assistance and expertise to the Equalization Director on all activities, functions and policies related to the assigned department, including the department's budget and staff. This position may also assume the duties of the Equalization Director in his/her absence which includes acting as a principle spokesperson for the department. The employee in this position may supervise the work of other department staff.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assists the Equalization Director with and prepares all or portions of the following technical responsibilities:
 - a. Selecting and applying any combination of complex appraisal techniques applicable and necessary to the accurate and defensible determination of property values.
 - b. Developing and implementing the necessary procedures in order to assure the orderly and equitable survey of assessments to determine the state equalized value and taxable value of real estate and personal property.
 - c. Compiling sampling data, reports and statistics concerning property valuations in the County.
 - d. Performing analysis of equalizations, assessment ratios, sales ratios, sales and appraisals.
 - e. Directing and supervising the preparation of assessments, equalization figures and reports to the County Board of Commissioners and to the Michigan State Tax Commission.
 - f. Tabulating school district valuations within County to assist in levying appropriate tax.
2. Serves as the sole assistant and second-in-command for an entire County department.
3. Provides leadership to designated staff of the department, either directly or indirectly through subordinate supervisors, including training, overseeing work and establishing and evaluating appropriate performance standards in accordance with County objectives and under the guidance of the Director.
4. Acts on behalf of the Director to direct, manage, administer, monitor and oversee all operations and activities of the department in a manner that conforms to the mission, goals, and objectives of the County. Participates in the work of other employees as necessary. Ensures the smooth, harmonious and successful operations of the department.

5. Serves as a technical resource to the Director, County Administrator and County Board of Commissioners regarding the department's functions. Makes presentations to County leadership.
6. Assists the Director with developing strategic plans for the department, including evaluating operations and functions, developing business plans and strategic initiatives, generating ideas and plans for improvements, developing and implementing new procedures and policies, assessing staffing needs, analyzing financial and operations data and related activities.
7. Participates in the preparation of the department's annual budget; reviews financial reports to ensure adherence to budget; prepares budget adjustments; reviews and authorizes accounts payable/receivable activities; manages assigned accounts and funds. Assists with other financial functions and responsibilities specific to the department.
8. Assists with and oversees community or public relations activities, representing the department to the public. Coordinates and participates in the development of press releases, website content, newsletters, marketing plans, promotional materials, annual or periodic reports, etc. Participates in the community events and partnerships; serves on community boards, committees, or groups; speaks at events and local meetings.
9. Provides comprehensive customer service, including delivery of accurate, prompt and courteous assistance on complex policies, guidelines and standard practices to internal and external customers, both verbally and in writing. Investigates and resolves complaints and concerns from customers and constituents
10. Under the guidance of the Director, manages contracts with vendors and contractors. Assists in the development of requests for proposal as well as the administration of a contract with a vendor.
11. Responds to requests for information and provides subject-matter-expert guidance to other departments, citizens, the general public and/or outside agencies.
12. Collaborates with County leadership, other County departments, representatives of other jurisdictions/agencies in order to establish and maintain optimal department operations and appropriate services to constituents and customers.
13. Ensures compliance with statutory responsibilities and directives; evaluates and communicates the impact of potential legal or regulatory changes on the department and the County. Seeks to ensure that department activities, procedures and outcomes are consistent with industry standards and best practices.
14. Conducts or oversees a variety of special projects, including research, data analysis, and reporting related to the department's function or mission.
15. Participates in/on a variety of meetings, committees, boards.
16. Assists Director with advising County officials and township assessors on appraisal practices, tax problems, and tax laws in the ad valorem property tax field.
17. Operates listed office equipment as required.
18. Performs other duties as directed.

SECONDARY DUTIES:

1. Works in cooperation with other County departments to further the overall goals and policies of the County.
2. Operates a vehicle to run errands and conduct site visits.
3. Attends department head meetings and employee workshops.
4. Serves as a member of various County committees.

DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Education and Experience:

1. Graduation from a high school or GED equivalent with some college in business or a related field.
2. Two (2) years of experience assessing or appraising.
3. Supervisory experience desirable.
4. Coursework in property appraisal, assessment, administration, accounting, cartography management and statistics desirable.
5. MCAO (Level II) certification is required. MCAA (Level III) is preferable. Must be at a MCAA (Level III) within 18 months of hire.

Necessary Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

1. Working knowledge of computers and electronic data processing; working knowledge of modern office practices and procedures; knowledge of accounting principles and practices.
2. Skill in operation of listed tools and equipment.
3. Ability to effectively meet and deal with the public; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to handle stressful situations.
4. Ability to read, understand and apply appraisal techniques; ability to read and understand legal descriptions and appraisal manuals; ability to accurately appraise real and personal property; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to establish successful working relationships.
5. Thorough knowledge of real estate appraisal principles, techniques, procedures, laws and regulations; considerable knowledge of building, zoning and construction codes; working knowledge of accounting and auditing practices relative to property appraisal.
6. General knowledge of GIS.
7. Irregular hours may be required.

Special Requirements:

Must possess or be eligible to possess a valid Michigan driver's license.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED:

Personal computer including word processing, spreadsheet and data base software, equalizer software, BS&A.net (equalization module) programs; copy machine; postage machine; fax machine; calculator, scale rules, phone, file cabinets, entry books, pens, pencils, manuals, maps, air photography, reference books.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit and talk or hear and to periodically sit for long periods of time. The employee is occasionally required to walk to departments within the building and from building to building. The employee is also occasionally required to drive to a residential, commercial or other site which may require the employee to walk around the site and climb up and down stairs, bend, stoop and kneel. The employee is required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The noise level in the work environment is usually quiet or moderately quiet in the office and moderate to loud in the field. May be exposed to animals on properties being studied.

SELECTION GUIDELINES :

Formal application, rating of education and experience, oral interview and reference check; job related tests may be required. Must pass pre-employment requirements such as a physical exam, drug testing, background check, etc.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

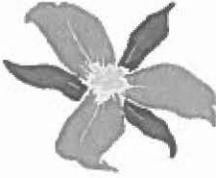
The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

Approval:

Polly Cairns, Equalization Director

Peter Garwood, County Administrator

Effective Date:



Memorandum Administration Office

January 28, 2016

TO: Administration Committee

FR: Peter Garwood
County Administrator

RE: Data Sharing – Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

The Equalization Department has received a request for County parcel data from Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, a private, non-profit corporation 501 (c)(3):

From: Audrey Menninga [<mailto:amenninga@gtrlc.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 2:29 PM
To: Weston, Julie
Subject: Re: Updated Parcel Data

Hello Julie,

On behalf of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, we are looking to have access to your ArcMaps parcel data in order to prioritize our land protections.

Whenever the layer is done is perfectly fine. We're just trying to get all of our parcel data updated for the year.

Thank you for all your help!

Audrey Menninga
Huron Pines AmeriCorps member, Stewardship Technician
Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
3860 N Long Lake Rd # D, Traverse City, MI 49684
[\(231\) 929-7911](tel:(231)929-7911)
amenninga@gtrlc.org
www.gtrlc.org

The following motion is presented for your consideration:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the request from Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy to waive the fees and approve the provision of the parcel line spatial data from the County Geographical Information System (GIS) database.

No. 16- 9C

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Center for Public Integrity and Global Integrity conducted a national study of state ethics and transparency laws and safeguards, in which the State of Michigan was ranked last; and

WHEREAS, some of the reasons cited for the State's poor ranking was weak public records laws and the absence of laws requiring personal financial disclosures by lawmakers and top state officials; and

WHEREAS, another glaring issue cited was the exemption of the governor and the legislature from state open records laws; and

WHEREAS, the State has required transparency from local municipalities through EVIP and CIP, yet the State has chosen to not take the opportunity to lead by example; and

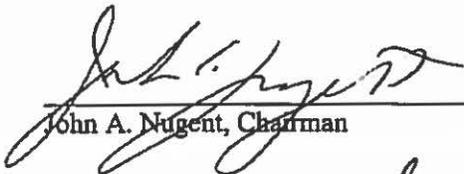
WHEREAS, this Board feels it is time that State lawmakers and top officials stop exempting themselves from the laws that they expect others to follow; now

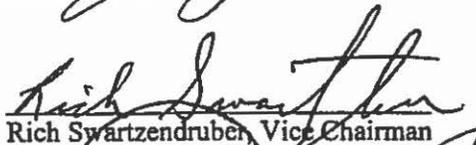
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners urges State lawmakers and top officials to stop the hypocrisy of exempting themselves from the laws that they enact for the governance of the State of Michigan, of which they are included; and

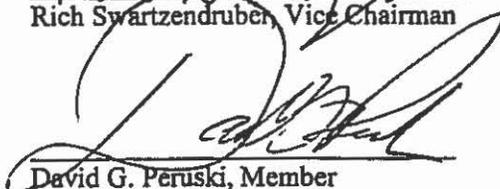
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Senator Phil Pavlov, Representative Ed Canfield, Governor Rick Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


John A. Nugent, Chairman


Rich Swartzendruber, Vice Chairman


David G. Peruski, Member

Dated: January 27, 2016

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VOICE ~~ROLL CALL~~ VOTE:

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT
SAMI KHOURY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOHN L. BODIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAVID G. PERUSKI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RON WRUBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLARK ELFTMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOHN A. NUGENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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RESOLUTION: ADOPTED DEFEATED TABLED

No. 16- 10C

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, HB 5016 would amend Section 13 of Public Act 368 of 1925, which regulates the use of public right of ways along roads by requiring local governments and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to give a one year notice to entities licensed under the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA) of any plan to relocate any in ground or above ground utilities or transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, these licensed entities already benefit from the free use of public right of ways that would cost them a significant amount of money if they were required to purchase use of said public right of ways; and

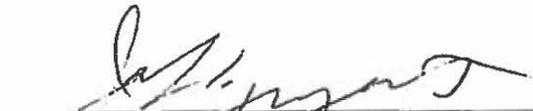
WHEREAS, requiring local governments and MDOT to notify the entities one year in advance of any relocation of utilities or transmission lines is unnecessary, burdensome, potentially costly, and punitive to the extent that it levies a fine in the form of paying for relocation costs for failure to timely notify the entities; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners firmly opposes HB 5016 and respectfully asks the support of Senator Pavlov and Representative Canfield in our opposition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan Counties, Representative Ed Canfield, Senator Phil Pavlov, Governor Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


John A. Nugent, Chairman


Rich Swartzendruber, Vice Chairman


David G. Peruski, Member

Dated: January 27, 2016

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VOICE / ~~ROLL CALL~~ VOTE:

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RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, SB 703 would amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act" by amending section 57 (MCL 169.257), as amended by 2015 PA 269; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would remove the unreasonable restriction that was included in 2015 PA 269, that being the inability to discuss ballot questions during the period of 60 days before the election in which the ballot question will appear; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2015, this Board passed a motion to contact Governor Snyder and request that he veto SB 571 as it is was presented to him, which included the language that a public body shall not discuss local ballot issues during the period 60 days prior to the election in which the issue appears on the ballot; and

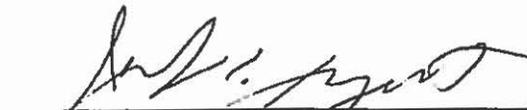
WHEREAS, in signing the bill, Governor Snyder called for a "trailer" measure to clarify what is proper and improper communications; now

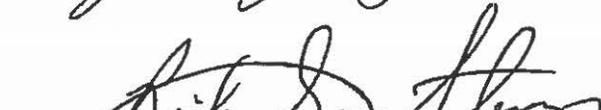
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners supports SB 703 to remove this restriction on how County officials communicate with their constituents about local ballot questions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan Counties, Representative Ed Canfield, Senator Phil Pavlov, Governor Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


John A. Nugent, Chairman


Rich Swartzendruber, Vice Chairman


David G. Peruski, Member

Dated: January 27, 2016

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