



## GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY Administration/Board of Commissioners

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### **Grand Traverse County Announces New Director of Human Resources**

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**Traverse City** – Grand Traverse County Administrator Tom Menzel has announced the hiring of Bill Hendry as the County's Human Resources Director.

According to the County Administrator, Hendry “brings over 26 years-worth of Human Resources experience and has the knowledge of the complexity of providing personnel services in a heavily unionized environment.” Menzel stated, “Hendry has worked previously in county government and understands the core-structures and functions and has already embraced a commitment to the Traverse City area through his prior work for Northwestern Michigan College.” Menzel said he expects that Hendry will hit the ground-running and will provide oversight of day-to-day operations as well as strategic direction for the County. Menzel stated, “Hendry has a tough job ahead as we work to balance limited resources with a need and desire to develop staffing structures and benefit packages that the County can afford. Hendry has the skills to be able to do this.” In addition, Menzel said, “We have a lot of departments that want to reclassify positions to increase compensation and we need a more comprehensive strategic direction and Hendry has the knowledge, skills, and experience to provide that level of service.”

Mr. Hendry has served in a variety of Human Resources roles including most recently as the Senior Director of Human Resources for Peterson Farms in Shelby, Michigan. Mr. Hendry has also served in various human resources director and manager roles for Jackson Community College, Lansing Community College, and Northwestern Michigan College. In addition, Mr. Hendry served in Human Resources for Hillsborough County and Citicorp Services in Florida.

Hendry has earned a Master's Degree in Organizational Behavior and Development from Eastern Michigan University and is a member of a number of professional organizations including the Society of Human Resources Management, Rotary, and various other organizations.

Hendry is looking forward to serving as the Human Resources Director. He stated, “Traverse City is an area that I love and I look forward to helping the County as they tackle some challenging issues.”

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