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**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS GO PAPERLESS**

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The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners has committed to being a paperless Board. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> the Board of Commissioners made the commitment to use available technology to enhance the way they receive and use information. Each Commissioner has an iPad and will receive their Board Packets electronically, meaning no more paper packets. "Grand Traverse County is proud to blaze a trail once again, setting a low waste example for other area boards and neighboring counties", says Grand Traverse Board Chairman Rob Hentschel". "The impact of this change promises to be far reaching".

Grand Traverse County Administration estimates that a year's worth of board packets alone uses more than 11,000 sheets of paper, accounting for about 28 reams. For 2018 the Board packets averaged about 75 pages each, but a recent study session held on January 9, 2019 came with a packet of 555 pages.

Grand Traverse County Administrator Nate Alger says, "in addition to the recognition of savings in paper and everything that goes with paper packets, we are able to provide the Commissioners much more information with their packets via electronic documents and links, without concern of the costs associated with the packets."

This is not the first attempt at going paperless in Grand Traverse County for Commissioner Hentschel. "Getting consensus to go paperless is a momentous step in reducing waste at Grand Traverse County," says Chairman Hentschel. "I've hoped for this since I was the first Commissioner to take this step back in 2011."

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