

For Leelanau County Commission 9 AM Organizational Meeting January 3, 2023 FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD 2023-01-03_lccorgmtg
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Some of our Thoughts for Leelanau County Commissioners (BOC) (Board Of Commissioners). We've attended ~80 % of BOC meetings since 1989.

We welcome this Board of Commissioners with 4 new members. We are hoping there will be an improvement/restoration of credibility, integrity and character. We respectfully request considering the following as you select the Chair and continue...with the business of governance...

*****As elected officials Avoid becoming misguided to believe and act as if you are omniscient & omnipotent. Avoid special interests projects. Tell The People immediately if you will grow government to be more intrusive in our private lives & overtax/overspend. Hayek statement:**

*****Every project/item for BOC action must have a description along with a carefully prepared need/necessity/justification (analysis) report identifying a benefit to a significant majority of the county's 22,000 residents/taxpayers/inhabitants.**

*****Commissioners over the years have SELF-INITIATED all MILLAGE TAXES which benefit less than ONE PERCENT of the county's 22,000 population...indicating for special interests and best described as governing under color of law and seemingly fraud. And because, county electors did NOT LAWFULLY PETITION Commisioners to Act on any of these! MCL 46.11 does NOT mandate special interests taxes.**

*****Commissioners are taxpayers' employees with benefits second to none and paid mileage to attend any meeting associated with county business.**

*****GOALS: The BOC has only ONE goal: To provide The People the Best Possible Least Cost Republican Form of Limited Government. There should be NO other "goals"! Unless mandated/essential/lawfully petitioned for by The People/Electors.**

*****Wallet on the table: Each Commissioner voting to approve a proposal to put their wallets on the table stating: "This project/item is mandated/essential and/or necessary because it will benefit 90 % of the of the Taxpayer/Residents of Leelanau County". Then vote accordingly.**

***The below read/extemporized from notes during meeting at 2nd Public Comment.**

Congratulations! You are now a functioning Commission.

We are fascinated that newly elected commissioners want to fix what is NOT broken, i.e., the time allowed for "Public Comment" at the beginning and end of all BOC meetings. Governance is not about sound bites...it is about listening and getting things done for taxpayer/residents.

Michigan Law 46.11 doesn't mandate commissioners to SELF-INITIATE the establishment of special interests taxes. And, that Law does not mandate Commissioners spend money on housing for the "workforce". Every meeting the BOC conducts that has an agenda item about "public housing" costs taxpayers money/wastes resources!

In the Private Sector: Focus, Focus, Focus... Prioritize, Prioritize, Prioritize... Simplify, Simplify, Simplify...

The **OBJECTIVE** for Commissioners is "To Serve The People" you represent... appears to be a need to understand **GOALS** and **OBJECTIVES**. Working under Management by Objectives in the private sector for many years, we find "goals" to be looser--too general. **OBJECTIVES** are defined by Who does What by When.

We recall the COUNTY spending (wasting?) \$500,000 35 yrs. ago on a General Plan and its many iterations with hundreds of "goals". We've never heard if any of these "goals" have ever been achieved...

Spending Money: Broadband not mandated by MCL 46.11. So, where will we get the money to finance it. From Taxpayers, of course, from the DTR (Delinquent Tax Revolving fund). Leelanau County Commissioners' "piggy bank". Money used to **over-build** the **Jail** (An **82** bed penitentiary vs. a **42** bed jail) and overbuild **Court-house** (**30 % too big** for next 30? years, calling it a 'campus'--don't recall the word 'campus'...when proposed!?). That DTR piggy bank was used to waste a lot of taxpayers' money—may be understood as stealing. **Commissioners need to understand why they're so anxious to have such a large surplus of taxpayers' money to pee away!?**