

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole – Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Approved Minutes 12/12/2023

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Ty Wessell at 9:30 a.m. Today's meeting is being held at the Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, Michigan.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited, followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call:	District #1	Jamie Kramer	PRESENT
	#2	James O'Rourke	PRESENT
	#3	Doug Rexroat	ABSENT (with prior notice)
	#4	Ty Wessell	PRESENT
	#5	Kama Ross	PRESENT
	#6	Gwenne Allgaier	PRESENT
	#7	Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

Guests present.

Approval of the Agenda / Late Additions or Deletions:

MOTION BY ROSS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER/KRAMER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

The following individual spoke: Scott Richards.

Commissioner Comment:

- Commissioner O'Rourke thanked public speaker Scott Richards for his service and explained that the Leelanau County Veterans Affairs Accredited Service Officer Chris Dailey was here on site today if he would wish to speak to him.

Commissioner Lautner asked for clarification from Executive Assistant Laurel Evans regarding the acronym for the Benzie/Leelanau Board of Appeals and Evans responded that she would look into that.

Purpose of Meeting – Action Item for Discussion/Potential Recommendation –

Annual Review and Recommendations to Vacancies on Boards and Commissions:

Executive Assistant Laurel E. Evans was present before Commissioners and gave an overview of the information being presented and responded to questions from Commissioners.

Bay Area Transportation Authority:

MOTION BY ROSS TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT JOHN SOMMAVILLA TO THE BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, TO A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Benzie/Leelanau District Environmental Health Board of Appeals:

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT BUD WELCH TO THE BENZIE/LEELANAU ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF APPEALS, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025. SECONDED BY ROSS.

Discussion – Commissioner's verified with Evans if Welch is active on other Boards.

AYES – 5 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Ross, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 1 (Wessell) ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT JOHN ARENS, THRASSOS EFTAXIADIS, AND RICHARD FOSTER TO THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO THREE-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE/ALLGAIER.

Discussion – Commissioner's verified with Evans that the three members are current.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Land Bank Fast Track Authority:

MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT RICHARD ISPHORDING TO THE LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services:

MOTION BY ROSS TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT SUSAN CHAPMAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY ALLAGIER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Northern Michigan Regional Entity Substance Use Disorder Services Policy Oversight Board:
MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT ALISON ZIMPFER TO THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES POLICY OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY LAUTNER

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Northwest Regional Airport Authority Board:

MOTION BY O'ROURKE TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT STEVE PLAMONDON TO THE NORTHWEST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner,)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Parks and Recreation Commission:

MOTION BY ROSS TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT JOHN ARENS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Planning Commission:

Executive Assistant Evans stated there are currently three openings and the categories open are: Economic Development, Education and Transportation.

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT CRAIG BROWN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TRANSPORTATION CATEGORY AND TO REAPPOINT ROBERT MILLER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT FRANCIS CRIQUI TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, EDUCATION CATEGORY, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Stormwater Runoff Control Ordinance Board of Appeals (SESSRC):

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT TRICIA DENTON TO THE SOIL EROSION, SEDIMENTATION, AND STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL ORDINANCE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Solid Waste Council:

Commissioner Lautner stated she would like to wait on the appointment of a new member to the Solid Waste Council because she believes that Harry Steffens and Keith Beduhn would like to be appointed to a board but that they didn't know what the title of Solid Waste Council represented.

Commissioner Allgaier stated she would like to see Marcia Harris appointed as the new member and that Harris already has served on the Solid Waste Council so she has the experience.

Commissioner Lautner said that Harris had served for a number of years and served on the Solid Waste Council very well but she would like to see those new applicants be looked at. Lautner requested to move these appointments to the Executive Session on Tuesday.

Commissioner Allgaier stated there are already applicants and that her inclination is to give it to someone that has already applied.

Chairman Wessell said he supports Tom MacDonald.

Commissioner Lautner clarified the recommendation today is to fill five openings with four of them being possible reappoints.

Chairman Wessell stated he would like to see the four reappointments done today and get those filled.

Commissioner Lautner reiterated she would like to reappoint the four members that are currently appointed and save the fifth seat for a new applicant.

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT MARK BEVELHYMER, JOHN FLETCHER, TOM MACDONALD AND JAMES PLAMER AS MEMBERS OF THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL TO TWO-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND TO MOVE THE 5TH APPOINTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – Commissioner Lautner said she spoke with Steffens and Beduhn and that they would like the opportunity as new applicants to Board and Commissions to be able to apply for the Solid Waste Council.

MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO AMEND TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT MARK BEVELHYMER, JOHN FLETCHER, TOM MACDONALD AND JAMES PLAMER AS MEMEBERS OF THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL TO TWO-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND VOTE ON A FIFTH MEMBER TODAY. SECONDED BY ROSS.

Discussion – Commissioner Allgaier said she would like to appoint applicants that have already applied for the openings and have an interest. Commissioner Ross said she agrees with Commissioner Allgaier.

Commissioner Lautner commented that many times the Board has set these decisions aside and gone back and asked the applicants if they really are interested and this is not out of the realm of past practice. She said that this Board policy states that the Board of Commissioners tries to give all citizens the opportunity to serve. Lautner reaffirmed that Harris was fantastic on the Solid Waste Council but she has previously served for many years and has had that opportunity to serve but there is an opportunity to put some citizens on who have publicly expressed interest in serving on boards or commissions. She continued that maybe by Tuesday Steffens and Beduhn don't want to apply for this board and maybe she misunderstood their want to do so but it would give them time to respond. Lautner said it is also possible between now and Tuesday that we as Board members could have someone reach out to us and want to apply because there is an opening.

Commissioner Allgaier said that she feels the Board needs to honor the people that have applied.

Chairman Wessell stated that the motion he hears that is on the floor is to reappoint the four members that are currently serving and the amendment was to go ahead and find a fifth one out of the applicants today.

Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Zywicki re-read the initial motion by Lautner and Chairman Wessell asked to divide the question.

MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO AMEND TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT MARK BEVELHYMER, JOHN FLETCHER, TOM MACDONALD AND JAMES PLAMER AS MEMEBERS OF THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL TO TWO-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND VOTE ON A FIFTH MEMBER TODAY. SECONDED BY ROSS.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 5 (Allgaier, Kramer, O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 1 (Lautner) ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Division of the Amendment:

MOTION BY LAUTNER AMENDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE ON A FIFTH MEMBER OF THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL TODAY. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 5 (Allgaier, Kramer, O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 1 (Lautner) ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

AMENDED MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT MARK BEVELHYMER, JOHN FLETCHER, TOM MACDONALD AND JAMES PLAMER AS MEMBERS OF THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL TO TWO-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025, SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 0

ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

MOTION BY KRAMER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SELECT THE FIFTH APPLICANT AT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING SO MORE APPLICANTS HAVE TIME TO BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE OPENING ON THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL. SECONDED BY LAUTNER.

Discussion – Commissioner Allgaier stated she thought we just voted against all that because we have two people in Harris and MacDonald who have already applied.

Commissioner Kramer said she understands that but why not wait because it is not going to hurt to have more applicants to review. She stated the worst thing that could happen is that there will be more applicants with more talent that show up and we will have to pick someone.

Chairman Wessell stated there is a motion on the floor and the only way we can consider that kind of motion would not be able to support the motion on the floor.

Chief Deputy Clerk Zywicki stated she only had one motion on the floor and it was made by Commissioner Kramer.

Commissioner Lautner said the motion on the floor is to make the recommendation at the Executive Session next Tuesday and leave it open today.

Chairman Wessell stated there is an amended motion on the floor because the motion was divided, and Commissioner Lautner and Zywicki verified that motion was already voted on. Commissioner Lautner said the amendment took care of reappointing the four and it left the fifth up to another motion, so now Commissioner Kramer is asking to move that decision to the Executive Session and open up the process to see if more applicants would want to apply and there is a week to think about it.

Commissioner Allgaier said her comment is that there are two people that got their applications in and by the deadline, who are both highly qualified. She stated that if she applied for something and my application was in on time and the Commissioners said, "Oh we want to look for someone else" that is a betrayal of trust in her view.

Commissioner Ross said she agrees.

Commissioner Kramer stated that she feels this is a settlement in the middle if we are all going to work together. She said as a business owner if there was a possibility that we can pick up someone who has more knowledge than we should allow for more time and it doesn't mean that we can't come back to the two applicants and it just means that we are opening it up and giving some. Everyone on the Board can feel happy that they contributed.

Commissioner Lautner agrees with Commissioner Kramer and said it agrees with the policy of trying to get new citizens on Boards and Commissions as much as possible. She stated we have worked really hard at trying to give our citizens opportunities and as she has said before we have done this before by setting aside applicants because they have served on other boards.

Chairman Wessell stated he believes the motion on the floor is to delay until Tuesday and seek other applicants.

Commissioner O'Rourke stated that he would be mad as hell if he had been on a board before you guys went and opened it back up. He said that if he is at a job interview and there are three people and you didn't like me, so you aren't going to call me, then that looks bad.

Commissioner Lautner said that if you are applying for a job at a company and the company has a policy that says you were employed by us at one time so now, we want to look at others and the policy allows the Board to bring in new applicants. There is nothing being said today that won't allow for Harris to be appointed next Tuesday, but by waiting then the Board has the opportunity to allow others to serve. Lautner commented that she has asked for years the name of the council be changed because people don't realize it is for recycling.

Chairman Wessell said he is going to not support the motion because the Board rules state that applications are due by the last week in October and that if we have applications by the deadline then we need to honor that. He stated that if we didn't have applications then we could reach out and find others so that is why he is voting no.

Commissioner Kramer asked Chairman Wessell if that information is what Administrator Allen just gave you?

Administrator Allen replied it is on page 4 of your Board rules.

Commissioner Kramer said Okay, she (Allen) was pointing out something and she (Kramer) was wondering what that is.

Commissioner Ross and Chairman Wessell stated it is in the Board rules while Administrator Allen was directing where it was to be found.

Commissioner Kramer stated that she guesses that if it is in the Board rules then we have to.

Commissioner Ross said exactly.

Chairman Wessell restated the motion on the floor is to delay until Tuesday.

AYES – 1 (Lautner)

NO – 5 (Allgaier, Kramer, O'Rourke, Ross, Wessell) ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION FAILED.

MOTION BY ROSS TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT MARCIA HARRIS TO THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025. SECONDED BY ALLAGIER.

Discussion – Commissioner Allgaier stated she will be happy to have someone from the westside of the County represented.

Commissioner Lautner stated this is the most disappointing thing with the Board because we have done that in the past. She said one of the sole reasons was to get a recycling site in Leland and we have never been successful for all those years. Lautner continued that for all the years there was representation from the westside of the County we have never gotten a site in Leland Township. She commented there are many sites that would be available but the residents of Leland do not want that.

Commissioner Allgaier clarified for Commissioner Lautner that Harris is from Glen Arbor.

AYES – 5 (Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, O'Rourke)

NO – 1 (Lautner) ABSENT – 1 (Rexroat)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Chairman Wessell stated that at this time there will be no appointments for Networks Northwest or the Materials Management and Construction Board of Appeals because we are waiting for further information.

Commissioner Ross said she would like to recommend that if there are some people out there that want to serve that they can still apply because this is revolving. She stated she would like to encourage Commissioner Lautner to talk to those individuals that this opportunity is coming up and that it will be even broader than the Solid Waste Council and to her it just feels that we do need a good cross section of the people to make sure the plan is good and there would be an opportunity right there.

Executive Assistant Evans said the Commissions or Boards not appointed to today will be reposted and she will email the list to the Board.

Commissioner Ross said she would appreciate that list and it would give the opportunity for those people that haven't applied and could still see that the window is opening up sooner and we do this every year and that is revolves.

Chairman Wessell reminded everyone that these are recommendations for Tuesday and will be discussed again at Executive and won't be final until the Regular Session.

Commissioners thanked Evans for her hard work.

Public Comment:

The following individual spoke: Kerry O'Non and Deborah Allen.

Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Allgaier said she would like to say that her comment to Commissioner Ross was not to shut her down and was to just to let her know what past practice was. She commented that our practice has been to arrive at decisions today as best we can and we have had these books a week, which is not a whole lot of time, you're right, but generally that is what we have. Allgaier said she just wanted to a remind her that this a practice discussion session and is not a decision session.
- Commissioner Ross said that just as Administrator Allen was doing that, she was thinking she read that last night, and that was going to be her comment that we need help remembering because we have books and books of rules. She stated she appreciates an Administrator that

stands up and says something at the right time and that she thinks it was very well received and appreciates that we have an Administrator that helps them remember all the multitude of things we need to do.

- Commissioner Kramer said she thinks it's great that Administrator Allen points out these things but it would be helpful to point it out to the entire Board and not just to the Chair so that we can all be in, including the audience, on what's happening and maybe something that we're missing. She stated that if we work collectively, we do better as a whole and so, lets focus on that.
- Chairman Wessell said thank you for your (audience member) public comment but I'm going to address it because this is the second meeting in a row that you have been critical of the Board Chairman's behavior and it is my role to make sure that we follow our board rules. He stated that he referred to those Board rules where this was as a part of it at the beginning of this meeting and it was not a motion, he made but a statement about why we had to or why he wasn't going to support a motion that was on the floor. Wessell said but he sure appreciates you coming here.
- Commissioner O'Rourke stated he is in possession of an email from November 22, 2023, and there's a couple sentences on here that concerns him. The email says there are secret meetings and it was sent to every commissioner here. He said he can't believe no one else has raised the question about secret meetings and he doesn't understand about that but wants everything on the table. O'Rourke commented he thought he was part of the team. He continued that he doesn't want his name in the paper, but there's one part on here that says let's ask Rookie to stop ghosting me. He stated he doesn't even know what ghosting was and if it has to do with dating because he hasn't dated in 30 years. O'Rourke said he asked that lady (while pointing to the air) and Commissioner Allgaier this morning what's ghosting?

Commissioner Allgaier interjected and said she doesn't know.

Commissioner O'Rourke continued that ghosting is when someone who used to be friendly, even romantic with you, suddenly cuts off without explanation. He said his explanation is one of the Commissioners filed a FOIA to request last week involving the committee he is on. Every Commissioner has the right to file a FOIA, but if you and I were in a patrol car at the end of the day, there would only be one left in the patrol car. He stated that you can come to me before you ever file a FOIA, any one of you, and after that you are ghosted.

Chairman Wessell asked if there are any other Commissioner comments.

- Commissioner Lautner asked if that a threat because if there are two in the patrol car and there's one at the end of the day? Commissioner O'Rourke replied yea, one went home sick. Chairman Wessell is there a motion to adjourn? Commissioner Lautner replied no, that she is on Commissioner comment and thank you very much.

Chairman Wessell said he thought Commissioner Lautner was just fantasizing and Commissioner Lautner replied no, she has no fantasy of death but thank you though.

Commissioner Ross said oh geez.

Commissioner Lautner continued and said excuse me, Commissioner Ross do you have a comment?

Commissioner O'Rourke commented no, you (Commissioner Lautner) have the floor.

Commissioner Lautner continued and said thank you. She said she doesn't believe that he (O'Rourke) was FOIA'd, well you might be, but certainly Commissioner O'Rourke before she FOIA's you that she would ask for that information first, which is her practice. Lautner stated that she has asked for it two, three, maybe even four times before she has to request information under a FOIA request, which is also her practice. Lautner continued that this is really quite interesting that our Administrator talks about board rules and these sorts of things when all of that has been thrown out the window the last couple of weeks. She said all this Board is doing is picking and choosing and we use past practice when we want to, but when we don't want to, we don't. Lautner stated that is exactly what we are doing here and as she stated three times and she used that example. She commented that she knows you (Commissioners) are breathing hard and you (Commissioner) want me to quit but that she does have the floor so if you (Commissioners) could bear with her a little longer.

Commissioner O'Rourke interjected and asked if it was him? Commissioner Lautner replied no.

Commissioner Lautner said she heard the deep sigh. She commented that part of what was in that email, which this is the sort of thing where someone could say let's all act professional and yet when she has the floor there seems to be a breakdown of professionalism because you don't want to hear it. Lautner said then please stop and listen to what she is saying. She continued that is this whole past practice and Board rules issue can't be that we use them when we want to and not use them when we don't want to. She said somebody has to get this in a group pretty darn quick if you want this to go forward in a smooth manner. Lautner said she thinks it was perfect, Commissioner Ross, she was glad it wasn't her to shut you down but yes, you were shut down. She commented she herself has contacted other applicants before and have done her research in the applications if she didn't know who they were or she didn't understand the corporation they worked for or whatever. Any Commissioner can do what she has and are absolutely allowed to do that. Lautner stated this next week even allows you a chance to do that and she commends Commissioner Kramer for her motion. She said Commissioner Kramer tried to make everyone understand we have a week and that we don't have to put someone back on that has been on before. Lautner commented that the second public comment was exactly correct. Do we want to serve the people or do we want to have an agenda? She stated we had an opportunity to repair some of that and we chose not to. She continued she is not buying this and she think we have a lot to think about before next week's meeting.

Chairman Wessell said he would conclude and say we did a good job today. He stated we filled our positions, we followed our rules, we've got good people and honored the people that made their application and he said thank you for your hard work and he is ready for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Lautner said this is the committee process and Chairman Wessell interrupted Lautner and adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Wessell at 10:49 a.m.

Ty Wessell, Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer L. Zywicki, Chief Deputy County Clerk for
Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk