

**Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Annual Session – Tuesday, October 8, 2024**
Approved 11/19/2024

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<https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2788#video>*

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ty Wessell at 7:00 p.m. Today's meeting is being held at the Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

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

<u>Roll Call:</u>	District #1	Vacant	
	#2	James O'Rourke	PRESENT
	#3	Doug Rexroat	PRESENT
	#4	Ty Wessell	PRESENT
	#5	Kama Ross	PRESENT
	#6	Gwenne Allgaier	PRESENT
	#7	Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

Guests present.

Approval of Board Minutes:

#266-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

Ayes – 6 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Lautner, O'Rourke)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Agenda / Late Additions or Deletions:

Chairman Wessell indicated that there is a late item to be added as Action Item #3h regarding a Resolution with Grand Traverse County requesting State support and funds for safety improvements at the intersection of Gray Road and Cedar Run Road.

#267-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE & ROSS.

Discussion – none.

Ayes – 6 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Lautner, O'Rourke)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Communications, Proclamations, Presentations –

• Administrator Update:

Interim Administrator Richard I. Lewis commented that by Thursday afternoon we will have resubmitted our SLUP (Special Land Use Permit) application to Leelanau Township and he

thanked Executive Assistant Lauren Cypher and also to Progressive AE for the analysis to address the Leelanau Township Planner's concerns. Lewis also had distributed a handout from County Treasurer John A. Gallagher III on the 3rd quarter investments. Lewis continued and updated Commissioners on the search for a new Administrator. The advertisement has been posted and he encouraged those interested to apply. Also the job description has been reviewed by Cohl, Stoker & Toskey and sent back. It has been placed in better order and there were no changes of any substance.

● 86th District Court Annual Report:

86th District Court, Chief Judge Robert A. Cooney and Court Administrator Gwen Taylor were present to give Commissioners an update on the Court and also review their annual presentation. They covered activities within the Court, budget, and staffing. Judge Cooney and Taylor responded to questions from Commissioners. Judge Cooney also addressed Antrim County wishing to go their own way.

The presentation can be found at the following link: (pages 2-29)

[10082024 boc rs packet optimized.pdf \(leelanau.gov\)](https://leelanau.gov/downloads/10082024_boc_rs_packet_optimized.pdf)

● Energy Futures Task Force Annual Report (EFTF):

Joe DeFors, Co-Chairman of the EFTF was present regarding the One-Year Report to the Board of Commissioners. DeFors referred to a slide presentation. Chairman Wessell commented on the potential membership continuation and that it will be addressed in November. Wessell invited DeFors to come back in November and offer public comment.

The presentation can be found at the following link: (pages 30-35)

[10082024 boc rs packet optimized.pdf \(leelanau.gov\)](https://leelanau.gov/downloads/10082024_boc_rs_packet_optimized.pdf) and the slide presentation from the meeting can be found: https://leelanau.gov/downloads/001_eftf_presentation_10082024_1.pdf

Public Comment (agenda specific):

The following individuals spoke in person: Dana Getsinger; Alan C. Campbell and Commander Greg Mikowski; Jean Jenkins; Lois Bahle; Jim White; Keith Beduhn; and Will Bunek.

The written comments can be found at the following link:

<https://leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2789#handouts>

Commissioner Comments:

None.

Consent Agenda Items:

Chairman Wessell read the following statement: The purpose of the Consent Agenda is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one motion without discussion. Any Commissioner may ask that any item on the Consent Agenda be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such request(s) will be automatically respected and will not need a second.

Interim Administrator Richard I. Lewis noted that one yes vote means there are six yes votes combined into one.

#268-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY ROSS.

Sheriff's Office – RAP Grant Acceptance (Safety Restraint Chair):

#269-10082024 Annual Session

• TO ACCEPT THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (MMRMA) RISK AVOIDANCE PROGRAM (RAP) GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 TO BE USED TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE APPROVED PURCHASE OF A SAFETY RESTRAINT CHAIR FOR THE LEELANAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Emergency Management – Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Work Agreement:

#270-10082024 Annual Session

• TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) WORK AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS GRANT AGREEMENT, AND ALLOW THE LEELANAU COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO SUBMIT ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FOR THE REQUIRED QUARTERLY REPORTS.

Equalization – Approval of the Leelanau County Apportionment Report, L-4402:

#271-10082024 Annual Session

• TO APPROVE THE LEELANAU COUNTY APPORTIONMENT REPORT (L-4402).

Planning – Materials Management Plan and Designated Planning Agency:

#272-10082024 Annual Session

• TO APPOINT LYDIA GULOW, RESOURCE RECOVERY DIRECTOR, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, AS THE DESIGNATED PLANNING AGENCY (DPA) AS REQUIRED UNDER PART 115, AND APPOINT THE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE UNDER PART 115, MORE SPECIFICALLY, UNDER MCL 324.115.72.

Administration – Appointments – Traverse Transportation Coordinating Initiative (TCCI):

#273-10082024 Annual Session

• TO APPOINT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO THE TCCI TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER JAMES O'ROURKE TO THE TRAVERSE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING INITIATIVE (TCCI) POLICY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2024.

Appointments – Deputy Medical Examiner:

#274-10082024 Annual Session

• TO REQUEST THAT THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER CONTRACT TIMELINE BE USED FOR THE END DATE OF THE APPOINTMENT AND TO MOVE FORWARD AGENDA ITEM – ADMINISTRATION – DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER APPOINTMENT TO THE REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024.

To Appoint Dr. Thomas Koster as a Deputy Medical examiner, no end date as the individual serves at the pleasure of the Medical Examiner. Contract end date was 12/31/2023 with three additional one-year extensions allowed/approved.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Planning – Termination of Westshore Brownfield Plan:

Interim Administrator Richard I. Lewis noted the Public Hearing was held and no comments received.

#275-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY ALLGAIER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE RESOLUTION #2024-016, RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE THE BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR WEST BAY/WEST SHORE HOTEL REDEVELOPMENT, SINCE THE PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE WEST BAY/WEST SHORE HOTEL REDEVELOPMENT BROWNFIELD PLAN FAILED TO OCCUR WITHIN 2 YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PLAN, MARCH 20, 2007, OR WITHIN 2 YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PLAN AMENDMENT JUNE 20, 2017, AND THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS. SECONDED BY O’ROURKE.

Discussion – none

ROLL CALL: Allgaier – YES; Lautner – YES; O’Rourke – YES; Rexroat – YES; Ross – YES; Wessell – YES.

AYES – 6 NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2024-016

RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE THE BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR WEST BAY/WEST SHORE HOTEL REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2007, the County Board of Commissioners approved a brownfield plan (the “Plan”), and on June 20, 2017, the County Board of Commissioners approved a brownfield plan amendment under which the Leelanau County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the “BRA”) authorized the capture of tax incremental revenues to fund eligible activities to support the redevelopment of the property located at 13336 and 13380 South West-Bay Shore Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684 (Parcel ID Numbers: 004-033-088-00, 004-033-090-01, and 004-898-090-01); and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Plan, the BRA was to reimburse the developer for Baseline Environmental Assessment, Due Care Compliance, and additional response activities from the projected tax increment revenues to be captured after the property was redeveloped as a hotel, marina, and related uses.; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the property and the purposes for which the plan was established was not undertaken within 2 years following the approval of the Plan, and all tax increment collected by the Plan to date has been utilized to pay any outstanding obligations; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to formally terminate the Plan pursuant to the procedure in Section 14(8) of the Act 381 of the Public Acts of 1996, as amended.

WHEREAS, at least 30 days prior to the adoption of this resolution, the County provided written notice of the proposed termination of the Plan to the Developer and informed them of the opportunity to be heard regarding the matter at the County Board of Commissioners meeting on October 8, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved as follows:

1. The County hereby formally terminates the Plan pursuant to Section 14(8) of the Act.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

Emergency Management – T-Mobile Bill of Sale:

Interim Administrator Richard I. Lewis gave an update and overview on the agenda item.

#276-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY ROSS THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE BILL OF SALE BETWEEN LEELANAU COUNTY AND T-MOBILE FOR THE EQUIPMENT SHELTER AT THE CENTRAL TOWER SITE AND ALLOW THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT, PENDING APPROVAL FROM LEGAL COUNSEL. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Administration – Leland Dam Walkway RFP Bid Update:

Interim Administrator Richard I. Lewis gave an update and overview of the agenda item. Both bidders were qualified and he noted to Commissioners the one difference between the bids. The recommendation is to go with Thermally Modified Ash which will last longer than treated lumber. Lewis continued with explanation.

MOTION BY ROSS THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE BID PRESENTED BY FISHER CONTRACTING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DAM AUTHORITY FOR THE DAM WALKWAY AND RAILING PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,736.77. FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO FUND #805 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CONTRACT. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion - Commissioner Rexroat stated that he cannot support this and for the reason that the other company is a local company, with local workers that live here and pay taxes here. The difference seems minor to him and there should be a more compelling reason to make the decision than those discussed. Rexroat will not support this. Chairman Wessell asked if it is known if Easling could switch the post product. Response from Ross and Lewis is that that is not known. Lewis stated that this is how the bids came in. Discussion ensued on bids and the analysis that the consultant went with. Discussion ensued on the process and if we put this off, are we being too far into winter. Commissioner Lautner said that several of us are of the same idea, if we could accept the Easling and have them supplement the product. Discussion on bidding and weather.

Motion and support withdrawn.

Chairman Wessell said that there can be a special session prior to the budget session on Tuesday.

Commissioner Rexroat said that the representative could be here to explain the choice. Lewis asked what are Commissioners asking him to do? You have a vendor that has bid the 100% ash and the other company has not and may have to amend their bid. If one company is allowed to

amend their bid, is that fair to the others. Rexroat continued with comments if it is not a thermally treated lumber — that is the part he does not really have a handle on regarding the durability.

Interim Administrator Richard I. Lewis asked what are Commissioners asking him to do. Discussion ensued.

Facade:

Interim Administrator Richard I. Lewis gave an update on the agenda item and reviewed the bid received.

#277-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE BID PRESENTED BY CUSACK'S MASONRY RESTORATION INC. AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,600.00 WITH FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO FUND #470 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CONTRACT. SECONDED BY REXROAT.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Administration – DTE Re-Leaf Tree Planning Program:

Commissioner Ross said she was going to recuse herself from this discussion as she will be the Project Manager if this is approved and there is a chance she may be offered compensation. Ross left the table to sit in the audience at 8:10 p.m.

#278-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY ALLGAIER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM DTE FOR TWENTY TREES TO BE PLANTED AT VERONICA VALLEY PARK AS OUTLINED. SECONDED BY REXROAT.

Discussion – Commissioner Lautner said that this came before Commissioners last week because of acceptance of the grant and she opposed this last week solely on principle and that procedure was not being followed in that it didn't go through P & R Commission first. She apologizes and now questions as this is new information. We may accept a grant and may have a paid Forester and we are not going to put this out for bid? We have a grant policy, a bid policy, and now we are going to give one of "us" (a Commissioner) potential compensation for doing this job, but are there other Foresters in the County? Interim Administrator Lewis said that "we" don't select the Forester, DTE does. Lautner said that we are accepting the grant and Lewis said we are accepting the "gift of trees" and it is not a grant. Lewis continued that we (the County) don't disburse any money, it is DTE's project, not the County's. They handle the education of planting of trees. Commissioner Lautner continued that she understands that and this just adds one more level of ickiness into this. If this was just pure volunteering, if Commissioner Ross wants to donate Forestry knowledge. Commissioner Ross began to address the question and Chairman Wessell called her to the table. Ross said that this needs a Project Manager and DTE does not know the date for the planting. If the District Forester is available on the chosen date, then she (the District Forester) will do it and if they cannot find anyone than she (Ross) will do it. It will only involve her (Ross) based on the date selected and the funds come out of the DTE Grant and nothing from the County. Commissioner Allgaier said that these grants are great and they bring

the trees and all the County has to do is have volunteers present to plant them. “They” provide everything and we get to beautify the park. Commissioner Rexroat said he struggles with this as we didn’t follow procedure and he hates not doing that and does understand. It is hard to come around with the trees and he wishes that this would have gone through proper channels. He will support this reluctantly and requested that we please follow procedures and then we won’t get into these situations. This should have gone through the Parks and Recreation Commission. Brief comments continued.

AYES – 4 (Allgaier, O’Rourke, Rexroat, Wessell)

NO – 1 (Lautner) Recuse/Abstain – 1 (Ross)

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Ross returned to her seat with the Commissioners at 8:15 p.m.

Administration – 2% Grants – Fall Application Intention:

Interim Administrator Richard I. Lewis updated the Commissioners on the agenda item. This is not approving the grant, just allowing for the agency to write the application.

#279-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY ALLGAIER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND THAT THE LISTED ENTITIES BE ISSUED “INTENT TO APPLY” LETTERS AUTHORIZING THE LISTED ENTITIES TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION OF WRITING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN NOVEMBER, 2024:

- Sheriff’s Office – Body Camera and Subscription
- Emergency Services– Dispatch Console Stations
- Senior Services – Leelanau Christian Neighbors Food Pantry
- Parks & Recreation – Disc Golf Course Update
- Board of Commissioners – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Planning – Solid Waste – Tire and Mattress Collection

NEW:

- Habitat for Humanity Grand Traverse Region – Housing Build
- Homestretch Housing – Jon Stimson – Pre-development for affordable housing in Suttons Bay
- Energy Futures Task Force – Joe DeFors – Access Michigan Solar Program
- Solid Waste Council/SEEDS – Composting Program
- VFW – Handicap Restroom

SECONDED BY ROSS.

Discussion – Commissioner Lautner expressed concern with so many requests and taking away from what the money is for.

AYES – 5 (Allgaier, O’Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 1 (Lautner)

MOTION CARRIED.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Construction of the Leelanau Township Communication Tower:

Administrator Richard I. Lewis updated Commissioners on the agenda item and what was updated in the Intergovernmental Agreement.

#280-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY ROSS THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEELANAU COUNTY

AND LEELANAU TOWNSHIP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED OFF KITCHEN ROAD IN LEELANAU TOWNSHIP. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – Commissioner Lautner questioned if this is an amendment to the original agreement and Lewis indicated that the prior agreement was not signed by the Township.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI) Administrator Search Contract Amendment:
County Clerk Michelle L. Crocker addressed the agenda item.

#281-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY ALLGAIER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE MARCH 2024 SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR THE ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$4,250.00 AS PRESENTED, FUNDS TO COME FROM #101.100.101.967.000 AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. SECONDED BY ROSS & REXROAT.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Joint Resolution with Grand Traverse County:

Chairman Wessell addressed the agenda item and the associated safety issues.

#282-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE LEELANAU COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-017, JOINT RESOLUTION WITH GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING STATE SUPPORT AND FUNDS FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF GRAY ROAD AND CEDAR RUN ROAD. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – Commissioners O'Rourke and Lautner both offered comments.

ROLL CALL: Rexroat – YES; Ross – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – YES; Lautner – YES; O'Rourke – YES.

AYES – 6 NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Leelanau County Resolution #2024-017

Joint Resolution of Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners and Leelanau County Board of Commissioners Requesting State Support and Funds for Safety Improvements at the Intersection of Gray Road and Cedar Run Road

WHEREAS, The Leelanau County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 8, 2024 and reviewed a request to appeal to the State for financial support; and

WHEREAS, The intersections of Gray Road and Cedar Run Road, located within Grand Traverse County, has experienced a significant increase in traffic volume, leading to dangerous traffic patterns and heightened risk of accidents; and

WHEREAS, there has been a notable rise in traffic incidents at this intersection, including

multiple accidents and near-misses that have resulted in property damage and personal injuries, thereby posing a dire danger to residents, visitors, and motorists; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of our communities are of paramount importance to both the Grand Traverse Board of Commissioners and the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, preliminary assessments by local transportation authorities indicate that immediate infrastructural improvements – such as the installation of traffic circles, or the installation of traffic signals plus addition of turn lanes, and enhanced signage – are necessary to mitigate these risks; and

WHEREAS, the financial resources required for these critical improvements exceed the current budgetary capacities of both counties; and

WHEREAS, state support and funding are essential to promptly address this urgent public safety concern;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT the Counties jointly and earnestly request that our State Representatives and State Senators representing these respective Counties advocate for and secure State funding and resources necessary to implement safety improvements at the intersection of Gray Road and Cedar Run Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to all State Representatives and State Senators representing these respective Counties, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and other relevant state agencies, urging them to take immediate action to address this critical issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair or County Administrator to effectuate the necessary documents to implement the Board authorized action.

Adopted this 8th day of October 2024.

Consideration of Closed Session Regarding Union Contract Negotiations:

#283-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AS PERMITTED BY MCL 15.268(1)(c). SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – Chairman Wessell indicated that closed session will probably last about 30 minutes and there is coffee available for those wishing to wait.

ROLL CALL: Rexroat – YES; Ross – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – YES; Lautner – YES; O'Rourke – YES.

AYES – 6 NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Closed session began at 8:32 p.m.

#284-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESUME OPEN SESSION. SECONDED BY ROSS.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Open session began at 8:53 p.m.

Review Of Financials:

Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt offered comments on the Late, Late Additions to Claims & Accounts and responded to questions.

Special Reports by Staff, Commissioners, and Affiliated Agencies:

None.

Public Comment:

The following individuals spoke in person: Harry Steffens; Jim Kobberstad; Steve Mikowski; Keith Beduhn; Will Bunek; and Bill Wiesner.

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Commissioner Comment:

- Commissioner O'Rourke commented that when someone requests to abstain on an issue, it is up to the Board to make the decision, not the individual, if that person is eligible to abstain or not. He continued that it is also how it was handled when he served in Elmwood Township.
- Commissioner Rexroat commented that his grandkids watch the Lorax and the Lorax speaks for the trees.
- Commissioner Wessell appreciates the public comments and doesn't always agree. He continued that sometimes they are opinion, sometimes he thinks they are facts, information, misinformation, and disinformation.
- Commissioner Lautner commented that it would look like her grandchildren are reading similar books to Commissioner Rexroat's.

Approval of Financials —

Amendments & Transfers:

Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt responded to Commissioner Lautner's question and walked Commissioners through the Amendments to the General Fund.

#285-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2023 AMENDMENT NUMBER #24-011 [FIRST PAGE]. SECONDED BY REXROAT.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

#286-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2023 AMENDMENT NUMBER #24-011 WITHOUT THE DAM FUND TRANSFER OUT [SECOND PAGE]. SECONDED BY REXROAT.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

#287-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2024 AMENDMENT NUMBER #24-012. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

#288-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2024 FUND TRANSFER NUMBER #24-005. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Miscellaneous Fund Transfers and Amendments:

None.

Claims and Accounts:

#289-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$267,716.98. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion - none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Post Audit Claims and Accounts:

#290-10082024 Annual Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE POST AUDIT CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,899,753.11. SECONDED BY ROSS.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

Motion by Rexroat to adjourn.

Chairman Wessell adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Ty Wessell, Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Michelle L. Crocker

Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk
Clerk, Leelanau County Board of Commissioners