

**Leelanau County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole – Tuesday, December 10, 2024**  
Tentative Minutes

*Proceedings of the meeting are being recorded (audio and video). The video of the meeting can be found at the following link: <https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2813#video>*

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ty Wessell at 12:00 P.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 and moment of silence took place at a prior meeting.

Roll Call:	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.

Public Comment: (Agenda Specific)

The following individual spoke: Dr. David Quimby

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

Annual Review and Recommendations to Vacancies on Boards and Commissions:

Executive Assistant Lauren Cypher was present and explained the process of selection and also distributed an additional handout.

The Handout can be found at the following link:

[http://leelanau.gov/downloads/cotw\\_handout\\_12102024.pdf](http://leelanau.gov/downloads/cotw_handout_12102024.pdf)

Commissioner O'Rourke asked if today's list of appointments needed to include the Traverse Transportation Coordinating Initiative (TTCI) and the Northwest Regional Airport Authority because he currently sits on both of those boards?

Interim Administrator Lewis stated that from the County it is to be member of the Board of Commissioners for the Policy Committee and the County Administrator sits on the Technical Committee.

Chairman Wessell stated that at the Organizational Meeting in January of 2025 the Commissioner representative will be chosen for TTCI and also the Northwest Regional Airport Authority.

Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM):

Commissioner discussion ensued regarding if the appointment should be a member of the Board of Commissioners or a private citizen.

**Consensus to move discussion to the Organizational Meeting in January of 2025 to define if the appointment should be a Board member or a private citizen.**

Benzie/Leelanau District Health Department:

**MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT DAVID QUIMBY TO THE BENZIE/LEELANAU DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY ROSS.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

Benzie/Leelanau District Environmental Health Board of Appeals:

**MOTION BY REXROAT TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT DON BARROWS TO THE BENZIE/LEELANAU ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF APPEALS, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY LAUTNER.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:

**MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT DAVID KING TO THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT CHRISTOPHER LOGAN TO THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027. SECONDED BY REXROAT.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT KATHLEEN WIEJACZKA TO THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027. SECONDED BY REXROAT.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

Construction Board of Appeals (CBOA):

Construction Code Director Amber Weber was present and answered Commissioner questions.

**MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT THOMAS VERSCHAEVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS, PLUMBING/MECHANICAL CATEGORY, FOR A PARTIAL FIVE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2028. SECONDED BY REXROAT.**

Discussion ensued.

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

**NO – 0**

**RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY REXROAT TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT JULIUS BUNEK TO THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS, ELECTRICAL CATEGORY, FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2029. SECONDED BY LAUTNER.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

Land Bank Fast Track Authority:

Executive Assistant Cypher stated that she has not received any interest for the Land Bank Fast Track Authority citizen member opening.

**Consensus to readvertise for the citizen member opening on the Land Bank Fast Track Authority.**

Leland Dam Authority:

**MOTION BY REXROAT TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT GARTH GREENAN, AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LEELANAU COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, TO THE LELAND DAM AUTHORITY. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

Northwest Regional Airport Authority:

Commissioner discussion ensued regarding if the appointment should be a member of the Board of Commissioners or a citizen member.

**Consensus to move discussion to the Organizational Meeting in January of 2025 to define if the appointment should be a Board member or a private citizen.**

Parks and Recreation Commission:

**MOTION BY REXROAT TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT CHARLES GOBOUT AND KEITH BEDUHN TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER/LAUTNER.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Lautner, O’Rourke)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT MEL BLACK, AS THE LEELANAU COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION. SECONDED BY O’ROURKE.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Lautner, O’Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT REBECCA BENEDICT TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027. SECONDED BY ROSS.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Allgaier, Lautner, O’Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT JIM CARPENTER TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY LAUTNER.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Allgaier, Lautner, O’Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

Administrator Lewis stated that Casey Noonan has resigned from the Planning Commission and Park & Recreation Commission. The Planning Commission appointment will be selected today because his term ends on December 31, 2024, but the Park & Recreation appointment will be handled by the Parks & Recreation Commission by recommending an appointee to fulfill the rest of Noonan’s term to the Board of Commissioners.

Planning Commission:

**MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT LOIS BAHLE, RECREATION CATEGORY, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027. SECONDED BY REXROAT.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Allgaier, Lautner, O’Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY ALLGAIER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT SCOTT HEISER, FINANCE CATEGORY, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027. SECONDED BY ROSS**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Allgaier, Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY REXROAT TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT MEL BLACK, REAL ESTATE CATEGORY, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027. SECONDED BY ROSS.**

**AYES – 6 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Lautner, O'Rourke)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, Stormwater Runoff BOA:

**MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT ERIC LIND TO THE SOIL EROSION, SEDIMENTATION, AND STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL ORDINANCE BOA, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027. SECONDED BY ROSS.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY ROSS TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT KATHY DAWKINS TO THE SOIL EROSION, SEDIMENTATION, AND STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL ORDINANCE BOA, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

Solid Waste Council:

**MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT ANDREW GALE TO THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY REXROAT/O'ROURKE.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY O'ROURKE TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT TOM PETERSON TO THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31 ,2026. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER/ROSS.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Lautner)**  
**NO – 0** **RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**MOTION BY O'ROURKE TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT KATHY DAWKINS TO THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31 ,2026. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER/ROSS.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

**Consensus to advertise for the remaining two openings for the Solid Waste Council openings.**

Veterans Affairs Administrative Committee:

**MOTION BY ROSS TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAPPOINT STEVE STANTON TO THE VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, TO A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. SECONDED BY REXROAT.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**RECOMMENDATION PASSES.**

Chairman Wessell stated he thinks the Board needs to reach out to Networks Northwest and get their recommendations for the Workforce Development that this Board is to approve.

Commissioner Ross stated she would like to see better advertisement done of the open positions.

Commissioners thanked Cypher for all her work.

Public Comment:

None.

Commissioner Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Wessell at 12:52 p.m.

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Ty Wessell, Chairman  
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

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