

**1. KUDOS to:**

- Duane Flaska – and to the local Master Gardeners, for the pride and commitment toward taking care of the County Government Center landscaping. Very Nice!
- KUDOS to the Sheriff's Office for the recent success at the K-9 Golf Event which raised nearly \$15K for the force. Special thanks to Undersheriff Kiessel, Lieutenant Wright, and Lieutenant Roush for their efforts, shout out to Laurel Evans, along with Armanda Krantz – event photographer, for also assisting that day.
- We have conducted interviews for the **Senior Service Director** position that will be vacated by current Director, April Missias, at the conclusion of her annual report to the BOC on July 11, 2023. April will be leaving to pursue her personal and professional goal, to utilize her Certification as a Geriatric Counselor in our region – a very noble endeavor, indeed. KUDOS to you April.
- Special KUDOS to **IT Technician Liana Wilson**, for her extraordinary efforts:
  - To manage **upgrades to the County's main server, with Safety Net**. The previous server will now be utilized for essential back up.
  - Liana was responsible for coordinating seamlessly the upgrade of the County's phone system... and
  - She independently took on the project to establish a **911 button on every office phone in the Government Center**. This one touch button will now serve as a vital component of the County's safety/security system. The immediate and pin-pointed location to our local 911 Dispatch. This option is a serious cost savings as opposed to the potential over-hall of the outdated "panic button system."

**2. FOLLOW UP REPORTS:**

- **The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Leelanau County for 2024 – 2029** is in draft form and is scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission later this month (6/27) and will be presented to the BOC at the July meeting for acceptance/approval.
- Last week County Treasurer, John Gallagher, Finance Director, Sean Cowan, and myself recently met with representatives of GT County and Traverse Connect to discuss options to establish program in Leelanau County similar to Grand Traverse County and Traverse Connect, to support Tax Free Revenue Bond financing. A recommendation is anticipated as early as the July from the respective Landbank and Brownfield Authority Boards, as well as a potential presentation from Traverse Connect on the viability of such an agreement.

- **BATA** – Grand Traverse and Leelanau County have been working with legal counsel, Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, to draft an “Interlocal Agreement” agreeable to all parties. While a final document is not yet ready, legal counsel is working diligently to provide a document that provides equitable representation.
- **MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization** - As a follow up to the recent presentation by Robert Carson, of Networks Northwest, regarding the formation of the Traverse Transportation Coordinating Initiatives (TTCI) and the MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Board is being asked to approve a resolution for Leelanau County to formally join this Transportation initiative based on the reality that the County is already implicated in the MPO with both Elmwood and Bingham Townships signed on to the MPO, as well as, the Leelanau County Road Commission and the two transportation authorities that the County is a Partner in; being BATA and the Airport Authority. I believe this is an important step to ensure the County has a seat at the table in discussions about future transportation initiatives in the County.
- **Website Design** – The initial Setup/Meeting/Designer Selection was completed 5/15/23, Discovery & Design Approval (6-8 weeks) is underway with mock-ups of what the homepage will look like. Once a draft is created a site map will be generated, and a review of the proposed site will be shared with the BOC.

### **3. GOVERNMENT CENTER/OTHER COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:**

- The **External Façade** project assessment has been completed by Machin Engineering, and the initial proposal for the project estimated at \$475,000 seems necessary, however, a second opinion may be warranted based on the potential cost.
- Based on the limited number of RFP’s for the **Environmental Health Department Project proposed for the Government Center** Lower Level a redesign of the space has been completed to eliminate between \$50 - \$100K from the initial project. Fred Hackl, of FHA, Architecture reported yesterday they are finalizing plans which should be ready to resubmit RFP’s by early July, pending legal approval.
- The initial timeline for **Phase II & III of the County HVAC** project was to generate RFP’s by the end of June. A meeting is set for next Monday. It is my assessment that this project will be essential, as the current systems are becoming obsolete and failures/replacements are becoming more common and costly to the County.
- The Building Safety Department of the County has been asked to evaluate the **Bridge/walkway over the Leland Dam** structure to address necessary pending repairs. A potential closer of the walkway is eminent during the maintenance work and code assessment.

- Consistent concerns around the ability to hear Commissioners with the current microphone system, and the ability of guests to the meetings being able to see the presentation screen during virtual presentations. Therefore, I'm working with our IT Technician, Liana Wilson, to present a cost-effective option to bring to the Board in July.

#### **4. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Commissioners have the opportunity to volunteer at the upcoming **Senior EXPO on Tuesday, June 20, 2023** between 10am – 2pm at the Suttons Bay High School. Flyers are available, and I believe you each were contacted by Senior Services Director, Missias to volunteer, if you are interested, and have not yet responded, please confirm your involvement with April today.
- Human Resources is anticipating an Employee Picnic in July or ICE CREAM SOCIAL, and Commissioners will be asked to volunteer to assist with grilling/SCOOPING or serving at the event. The date of Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> is being proposed from 4-5pm. More details to follow.