

Public Comment: Stephen P. Mikowski 5/14/2024

For Leelanau County Commission Executive Committee meeting May 14, 2024 **For The Public Record** 2024-05-13_lccexcommtg
Prepared by Stephen P. Mikowski Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

The following read/extemporized at the above meeting from notes made at meeting to the best of our ability and recollection at 2nd Public Comment at end of meeting

DRAFT

* Discussion here today about semantics of the word "create". To us "create" means making something out of nothing perhaps using magic and employing magicians. An impossibility for Elected officials to do. More appropriate for Public Officials is the word 'establish'. Oxford web dictionary defines it: **set up (an organization, system, or set of rules) on a firm or permanent basis.**

* **Fifty years ago our company required a Continuing Guarantee and Certificate of Insurance** from every supplier of any type.

* Agenda item 8(d) "**Creation of Finance Department**". This Commission (BOC) cannot proceed with anything on this matter **until it issues, by resolution an apology** as to the harm and damage caused by the bad May 11, 2021 LC Exec. Committee Meeting **Clerk-Loathing** decision. It was a LATE addition to that Agenda. It was a reckless sweeping decision that **IMMEDIATELY REMOVED** ALL Finance and Human Resources responsibilities from the Clerk's office **without any PLAN** of any kind and **ABSENT any REPORT** of any kind **demonstrating/showing/proving** that **NEED/NECESSITY/JUSTIFICATION/BENEFIT** exist. Worse yet, no commissioner or any other person had made an attempt to discuss this matter with the clerk before May 11, 2021 who had **successfully handled these matters for 26 years!** A NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE seemed to be mumbled about. A tragic/careless attempt to do a good thing in the worst possible way. A sad saga of a majority of commissioners seemingly unfit to serve in public office.

An all-encompassing apology is required due to the harm and damage done to the Clerk and Staff and Taxpayers by the **prior** and **this BOC**. It has caused irreparable harm to the Clerk and Staff and to date wasted over \$500,000 of Taxpayers money.

It is our belief that the prior Commission and this Commission failed to properly serve the people it represents and failed to properly perform its Fiduciary Duties. It was **such a bad decision** that Administrator Janik said it was a "**FIASCO**"! Yet in spite of such a declaration HE proceeded to unsuccessfully fix something that could not be fixed due to the reckless circumstances set up by the BOC!

This Clerk-Loathing FIASCO decision is a perfect example of, in this case, a majority of elected public officials making official decisions by EMOTING rather than DISPASSIONATE THINKING...

What a tragic/unhealthy legacy for these two Commissions and administrators...doing things in the most unorganized and costly way to hurt people and Taxpayers..