

*****Our public comments** at above meeting read/extemporized from notes taken during meeting to the best of our recollection & ability.
Hard copy hand delivered to clerk's office Wed. January 15, 2025 at 4:30 PM **for the Public Record**

Re Agenda Item '11(b) Administration: Stipend Taper Review'

Our observation regarding this STIPEND ITEM:

This Commission appears to be 'sending a message'...

It seems odd/peculiar that this NEW Commission denied the Finance Director's input as to a nominal stipend aid to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for continued needed financial assistance to the Finance Director who accepted that position a few months ago and is training all new employees.

That assistance had been necessary to provide Leelanau County Taxpayers/Voters/Electors/inhabitants the best possible finance services and positive audit outcomes.

This strange behavior appears to demonstrate the low esteem SIX commissioners appear to have for the Finance Director. Thus, apparently SIX of you appear to be inviting the Finance Director to exit/resign.

This lack of concern by SIX seems to indicate some type of prior communications/instructions seemed to have been given to (some) board members to refrain from **properly** understanding/reviewing/acting on such an important matter.