

***Hand delivered to Clerk's Office Thursday June 20, 2024 at ~4:50 PM --spm

Our public comment at END of meeting about 8:15 PM to our best recollection & ability.

-----Two items below per notes made during meeting-----

A. ENERGY: Mr. Spinnekin's comments moments ago about EV cars paying gas no tax and needing coal to make energy for EVs. Two hours ago our web search found that France relies on Nuclear power for **70 %** of it energy needs. Also France is the **largest exporter** of Nuclear power energy to other EU countries.

B. Leelanau County septic ordinance: Per real estate Rep., it appears LC Health Dept. unable to perform on-site septic system inspection in a **timely manner**, risking sale/loss of money. **May 4 2024 initiation--but still incomplete as of June 15.** Appears to be a clamor in Legislature to establish a statewide Septic Ordinance: What kind of unthinking persons could believe that a state bureaucratic self perpetuating agency can do inspections better/faster with such a variety of lakes, streams, rivers, soils...? (Only when pigs can fly...!)

=====The following read/extemporized from some notes prepared before meeting=====

***Leelanau County Commissions' (BOC's) Serious Problem:**

Their Terrible Clerk-Loathing 'action' on May 11, 2021 by 2021/2022 (BOC): Immediately removing all Financial and Human resources duties and responsibilities from the Clerk's Office. **\$\$Thousands had to be spent in a crisis mode to salvage the 2022 audit, from being a disaster!**

A bad/reckless 'action' to apparently try to destroy the County Clerk and that office's financial staff..

***A foolish/dangerous decision risking the financial stability/integrity of the County. It has caused chaos in courthouse building and harming the Clerk and Staff. BOC'S have wasted, since that 5/11/21 infamous day, more than \$600,000 of taxpayers money!**

***That Clerk-Loathing 'action' had been made absent/without any Plan and a Need/Necessity/Justification/Benefit Report!**

Can anyone believe that elected County Commissioners with a fiduciary duty could be so irresponsible?

It also seems that other Leelanau County stand-alone elected officials have been involved in causing this Clerk-Loathing 'action'...

***A few weeks after 5/11/21, Administrator Janik called that BOC 'action' a "fiasco" but continued to support & implement the BOC's damaging and apparently insane/inane Clerk-Loathing 'action'/decision. Tragically, both BOC's have continued to use/pay him for seeming 'questionable' consulting 'assistance'.**

Can anyone believe that the 2023-2024 Commission could possess the same weakness of the 2021-2023 Commission to continue this harmful/damaging process/"fiasco**" to the present day...?**

***It is obvious that the 21/22 and this 23/24 BOC have allowed themselves to be misguided as they tried to achieve a worthy objective...trying to do a good thing...in a bad/reckless way...by apparently *emoting*⁽¹⁾ rather than thinking dispassionately... (*Note: Two commissioners have publicly/on the record apologized for their part in approving this **bad Clerk-Loathing 'action'**. Soutas-Little and Allgaier.)**

****What to do at this late date after three+ years of chaos?***

*******Immediately prepare a complete accounting showing all costs ... associated with Clerk-Loathing 'action' 5/11/21 and ongoing...then,**

***First: By Resolution apologize to Clerk/her Staff:**

*** For taking the 5/11/21 Clerk-Loathing 'action' without any report, professional, consultant and/or others, indicating questionable financial activity/actions and/or performance. Financial audit reports for 26 years had been successful/acceptable. (Clerk has helped to keep accurate records to the present.) And further for taking this 'action' without any attempt to meet with Clerk beforehand.**

***Second, by Resolution apologize to Taxpayers/electors/residents:**

*** For taking the 5/11/21 Clerk-Loathing 'action' without a Plan and Need/Necessity/Justification/Benefit Report. That apparent neglect has resulted in wasting \$600,000 (ongoing) of Taxpayers money.**

***Third, by Resolution apologize to Clerk/Staff/residents/taxpayers:**

*** For failing to follow the board rules regarding agenda items for BOC meetings and failing to conduct itself as to following the best ethical practices consistent with Charity and Commissioners' Fiduciary Duty.**

*** Finally, by Resolution(s) proceed with the necessary oversight actions that will continue to provide Leelanau County & People the best possible least cost needed/necessary Financial and Human Resources Services as well done in the past, and into the future. Services that have been successfully provided by the Clerk and her staff for past 26 years and the recent three plus years of chaos.**

We're confident that Administrator Lewis will help you get all this done.

(1) <https://www.aier.org/article/emoting-is-easier-and-more-fun-than-is-thinking-dispassionately/>See last two paragraphs.