

\* **Our Public comments read/extemporized from notes below & taken at above meeting.**

\*\*\*Hand delivered to Clerk's Office Friday July 19, 2024 at late ~PM

\* BOC discussed **Jail situations** in N. Mich. Area. Leelanau County's 82 bed, overbuilt by 30 beds--ail/Penitentiary costs taxpayers \$100 per day extra (\$1,000,000 to date)!

\* Mich. Rep. & Sen. 45 minute long visit today advocated for free/subsidized 'government' housing for 'educators' on government properties. **Why not for everybody?**

\* Maintenance Manager replacement: Any consideration for that replacement must begin with a Need/necessity/justification/benefit Report. Otherwise **poor decisions** will be made...

\* Sr. Services Report at LCC Exec. Comm. Mtg.: We couldn't find revenue spending info in their report at last Tuesday BOC Exec. Comm. Mtg. Commissioners seemed unconcerned re spending \$1.5 Million annually with millage renewal this November. **Commissioners self-initiated this TAX millage (Electors did not lawfully petition for IT!). Commissioners** merely nod heads seemingly uninterested in accountability...on behalf of taxpayers...?

\* **Our public comment at 6/18/24 BOC mtg.;** **what to do about May 11, 2021 BOC Clerk-Loathing motion/decision 'fiasco'**, removing Financial/Human Resources duties from the Clerk's office **immediately. It's resulted in three years of chaos, reckless spending and nearly an unacceptable audit. Wasting almost a \$million to date...!**

\* Apologize to Clerk and Staff for harming them

\* Apologize to Taxpayers for harming them

\* Apologize to Clerk and Taxpayers for failing to follow BOC Board Rules...

\* We were looking forward to an apology resolution tonight as a result of **Administrator Lewis' advice statements at BOC Exec. Comm. mtg. 7/9/24. It didn't occur!** Our public comment at that meeting addressed the Administrator's advice to this BOC to end the three years of chaos in this building. He stated/advised the following:

*'Lets get to what I think is is the elephant in the room. It's nobody's fault. It's just where we are today in my humble opinion. First of all let's say and say it outright. It's not the what that took place three years ago. It's the how. The process of bringing it in here sucked. I'm just saying it. It was just not done in a proper manner. I'm not doing any of that. It seems it burdens us. It stays with with us for a long time. Get rid of it. Own it. It happened. It's up... We're moving forward and unless you (Commissioners) want to change some-thing, which I don't get the sense of, here's what we're going to do.' (There is more.)*

The position of **Finance Director** has been filled. Apparently the BOC will search for a new Full Time Administrator. Human Resources position to be filled(?).

We & most knowledgeable people respectfully disagree with Administrator Lewis on **fault. We believe there is fault.** (We related an apology by Commissioner Watkowski about 20 years ago.) That's why it is apparent that for the BOC to restore some semblance of its credibility on this **Clerk-Loathing 'fiasco'**, appropriate **apologies** as outlined in our 6/18/24 BOC meeting public comment must occur. **Should this BOC choose not to apologize it would appear that most commissioners can be unfit to serve in public office (Election this November 2024).**

\*\*\*Appears apologies also needed from other officials...