

Our Public comment at BEGINNING of meeting to the best of our recollection and ability. 2 Pages
Hand delivered to Leelanau County Clerks office Friday August 16 late PM.

***Read and extemporized from prepared notes before meeting & made during this meeting.
See Meeting video at: <https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2764#video>

A. MSU Report at 00:32:00 Good Report. We are curious that, like **last month's Senior Citizens Report, NO financial** info included. Seems odd that this BOC charged with budget responsibility would have a priority to require such one and 3 year statements on a report.

B. Maintenance Director/Facilities Director Agenda indicates its an action item. We're curious if the appropriate **need/necessity/justification/benefit report** had been prepared for commissioners to evaluate what **IS needed**. An important **priority**. We would like to see this report as this new position can cost **TAXPAYERS \$120,000 annually**. Report to include what present cost is.

C. BOC's highest priority to limit Public Comment in January 2023***

The **BOC** told The People **IT** had so much to do that (wasteful?) Public Comment had to be limited. Yet, At the **last BOC meeting 40 minutes** of the **BOC's "valuable" meeting time** consumed/(wasted) by the Rep. Coffia and Sen. DaMoose masquarade/one-on-one political **bantering!** Appears astounding to us as to BOC's priority/logic for such questionable/useless meeting activity.

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D. Discussion today re Director of Human Resources (HR) The magnitude of where we tried to go with this lofty position does not match necessity because we don't know what we need.

E. ISSUE: Leelanau County Commission (BOC) Clerk Loathing decision/action of May 11, 2021

It appears to us that a proper description/grasp is needed of the BOC's' **Clerk-Loathing decision/action of May 11, 2021** and continued aimlessly by this 2023/2024 BOC and its administrators for more than 3-1/2 years. That **action/decision, immediately** removed all **Finance & Human Resources** duties /responsibilities from the Clerk's Office.

(This had been a '**late addition' agenda action item** added at that 5/11/21 BOC meeting in violation of BOC board rules. That **decision/action** had the appearances of 'behind-the-scenes' prearrangement and bad emotions and a lack of charity. And **it** also seemed to have had the support of other at-large **elected** county officials.)

That **decision/action was made without any Plan and lacked a Need, Necessity/Justification/Benefit Report presented Report at that 5/11/21 meeting...or thereafter.**

Perhaps a GOOD thing to do but apparently done in a BAD way and seemingly loaded with negative emotions and lack of charity. It appears that **decision/action** initiated lots of ill-will towards the Clerk and her financial staff. And, an apparent waste of more than \$800,000 of Taxpayers' money...

Financial/Human Resources responsibilities had been vested in, and **successfully** managed/handled by Clerk's Office for **26 years**. The Clerk/staff **successfully** rescued the **BOC's financial chaos** for past **3-1/2 years**. Administrator Janik named that 5/11/21 (**chaos**) **decision/action** a "**fiasco**".

Resources: The **BOC's** had an elected **County Prosecutor, Treasurer, Sheriff** as resources to help **THEM** to recognized the pitfalls of **THEIR** questionable **Clerk-Loathing action**? The **BOC's** also rely on **THEIR Corporate Counsel**. It would seem that the **BOC's** would have taken counsel from these resources... Perhaps counsel had been disregarded?

With all the above information we've tried to identify what the 5/11/21 BOC's **Clerk-Loathing decision/action** and some subsequent actions indicate. It seems to be misconduct in office MCLA 750.505.* **Misfeasance...**

Blacks Law Dictionary 6th Ed. page 1000 defines **malfeasance** as follows:

The improper performance of some act which a person may lawfully do.

"...misfeasance" is the improper doing of an act which a person might lawfully do...

It appears this BOC'S most redeeming immediate action is the approval of Resolution to apologize to the Clerk and Taxpayers/Residents for the apparent harm/damage caused by the previous Commission's Clerk-Loathing Decision/Action of May 11, 2021 as well as perhaps some continuing decisions of this Commission. It appears you're almost there... An apology will give this Commission a sense of achievement and give the New Commission of 1/1/25 the opportunity to start fresh.