

For Leelanau County Commission Exec. Committee Meeting September 10, 2024 **For the Public Record** 2024-09-10_lccexcommtg
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Unable to make comments at end of the above meeting because BOC went into closed session at 11:20 AM.
We were unable to stay. **The following were our intended public comments prepared from notes during this meeting.**

A. Failure of necessary item on this meeting agenda:

Leelanau County Commission (BOC) "**Apology Resolution**" to the Clerk, her Staff and Taxpayers for the Commissions' May 11, 2021 **Clerk-Loathing** chaos/fiasco decision: Evidence demonstrates it is necessity because 2 Commissions with their administrators have apparently done significant harm and damage to an **elected** official & other people in the County Building and wasted a **\$1,000,000** of taxpayers' money. **We respectfully repeat our many earlier requests that the Commission approve an apology resolution at the next BOC meeting.**

B. Jail cell rental to neighboring counties: Approval of rental at \$35.00/day. Leelanau County renting cells at \$30.00/cell/day. Constructing a 72(?) cell jail was the epitome of Leelanau County Commissions' **wasteful overbuilding**. LC jail **overbuilt** by 25 cells. A careful analysis will likely show it costs **\$100.00 per cell per day** whether occupied or vacant. Thus, **taxpayers forced to pay a \$million per year** for 25 **unnneeded** jail cells/**\$10,000,000** over past **10 years!**

C. Salary "equity": Some commissioners seem obsessed with/misunderstand "equity" and appear anxious to "award" salary increases mid-stream on hearsay info, rather than facts/fact-based reports/studies. Appears odd to us that commissioners appear to **consider** statutorily **mandated elected** officials'/deputies' salaries to be "**equal**" with **non-mandated/non-essential** departments' salaries?

D. Agenda item [3(c)] "Crosswalk" Chart of Accounts Plan: How is it that the last two commissions 2021-22 & 2023-24 did NOT approve this item, strongly recommended by Clerk for years? Is it possible commissioners & administrators allowed **themselves** to be purposefully & neglectfully distracted by their obsession with **their** terribly misguided **Clerk-Loathing** crises/chaos/fiasco **decision?**

E. Equalization - FY 2024 L-4029 Tax Rate Request Agenda item [4]: Information/data as to the Annual Tax Revenue Generated by Road, Senior Services and Early Childhood millages unavailable in Meeting Packet and unknown by presenter. Seems odd taxpayers pay a \$100,000 salary plus \$35,000 benefits and are unable to get that basic info. More concerning is that only one commissioner appears to have an interest in this tax burden matter before voting on this matter.

E. Michigan Leadership Institute [8(e)] Administrator Search: What kind of peculiar allegiance does this commission owe to former Administrator Janik and his Michigan Leadership Institute. He appeared to have supported the May 11, 2021 **Clerk-Loathing** motion **fiasco** and participated in that **chaos**. **And, unsuccessful** at fixing it. Appears to be the right time to extract the County from this awful experience and seek an arms length independent consultant...