

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session – Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Tentative Minutes

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<https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2806#video>

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ty Wessell at 7:00 p.m. Today's meeting is being held at the Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence: skip

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and moment of silence took place at a prior meeting.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	District #1	Vacant	
	#2	James O'Rourke	PRESENT
	#3	Doug Rexroat	PRESENT
	#4	Ty Wessell	PRESENT
	#5	Kama Ross	PRESENT
	#6	Gwenne Allgaier	PRESENT
	#7	Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

Guests present.

Approval of Board Minutes:

#341-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED:

- **SPECIAL SESSION – TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024**
- **PUBLIC HEARING – TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024 (PACE)**
- **PUBLIC HEARING – TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024 (WEST BAY/WEST SHORE)**
- **SPECIAL SESSION – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024**
- **BUDGET WORK SESSION – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024**
- **PUBLIC HEARING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024 (WEST BAY/WEST SHORE)**
- **SPECIAL SESSION – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024**
- **SPECIAL SESSION – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**
- **SPECIAL SESSION – NOVEMBER 18 – NOVEMBER 19, 2024**
- **EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**
- **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**
- **SPECIAL SESSION – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**
- **SPECIAL SESSION – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024**

SECONDED BY O'ROURKE/REXROAT.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Agenda / Late Additions or Deletions:

Chairman Wessell requested Late addition #3 – Board of Commissioners – County Administrator Agreement be added and placed as Agenda Item #1 under Action Items.

#342-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY O’ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Lautner, O’Rourke)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Communications, Proclamations, Presentations –

Administrator Update:

Interim Administrator Lewis commented there will be an end-of-year Special Session meeting on December 30, 2024 and for the Board members to please sign the sheet when distributed tonight for approval. Lewis updated the Board regarding the Antrim District Court separation resolution and the Leelanau Township Tower project.

Point Broadband Update:

DCS Technology CEO Chris Scharrer and Point Broadband Chief Construction Officer Nick Diponzio were present via Zoom and provided an update regarding the construction progress for broadband internet within the County. Scharrer and Diponzio answered Commissioner questions and discussion ensued.

Chairman Wessell thanked Scharrer and Diponzio for the update.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Update:

C&M Insurance Health/Employee Benefits Agent Lew Wolters was present and explained in more detail the handout that was previously distributed at the Executive Session held on December 10, 2024.

The handout can be found at the following link: (pages 2-6)

https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/12172024_boc_rs_packet.pdf

Wolters further discussed with the Board the options of changing the current prescription tier of \$10/\$40 to a five (5) tier system of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) Self Insurance Plan. Wolters answered Commissioner questions and stated he would be back in January of 2025 to request the contract be signed with BCBS for the 2025 benefit year.

Commissioners thanked Wolters for the update.

Public Comment (agenda specific):

The following individual spoke in person: Alan Campbell.

Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Wessell thanked the individuals who applied to be on one of the many Boards and Commissions for their interest. Wessell further explained the process of selection and stated there are still a few openings if anyone is interested.

Consent Agenda Items:

Chairman Wessell read the following statement: The purpose of the Consent Agenda is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one motion without discussion. Any Commissioner may ask that any item on the Consent Agenda be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such request(s) will be automatically respected and will not need a second.

#343-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Sheriff's Office – MCOLES Employed Recruit:

#344-12172024 Regular Session

• TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY COVERAGE PROPOSAL FOR LEELANAU COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 21, 2025 TO JANUARY 1, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$258,480.00 AND APPROVE THE STOP LOSS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AS OUTLINED IN THE PROPOSAL, WITH PAYMENTS TO COME FROM ACCOUNT #101.830.871.954.000.

Finance – Year End Adjustments:

#345-12172024 Regular Session

• TO APPROVE/AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE ANY YEAR-END ADJUSTMENTS AND TRANSFERS DEEMED NECESSARY TO AVOID YEAR-END DEFICITS IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND. NO TRANSFER/ADJUSTMENTS TO GO BEYOND FUNDS IN CONTINGENCY. ALL TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRE THE SIGNATURE OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR.

Equalization – Aerial Imagery Acquisition Spring 2025:

#346-12172024 Regular Session

• TO AUTHORIZE ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN'S STATEWIDE AUTHORITATIVE IMAGERY AND LIDAR PROGRAM (MISAIL) TO COLLECT AERIAL IMAGERY IN THE SPRING OF 2025.

Drain Commission – Relinquishment of Brewery Creek Drain to Elmwood Township:

#347-12172024 Regular Session

• TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION AND RELINQUISH THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF BREWERY CREEK DRAIN TO ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP.

**LEELANAU COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
RESOLUTION #2024-022**

**ORDER TO RELINQUISH JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OVER BREWERY CREEK
DRAIN TO ELMWOOD CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Brewery Creek Drain is county drain pursuant to Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended ("Drain Code"), and wholly located within Elmwood Charter Township; and

WHEREAS, Section 395 of the Drain Code authorizes a Drain Commissioner to relinquish an existing drain to a county, township, city, village or authority in which all or the

part of the drain and the area the drain or part of the drain services in wholly located, as long as there is no outstanding indebtedness or contract liability of the drainage district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 395 of the Drain Code, the Drain Commissioner has determined that the Drain should be relinquished to Elmwood Charter Township; and

WHEREAS, there is no outstanding indebtedness or contract liability of the Brewery Creek Drain Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 395(l)(c)(i) of the Drain Code, for the relinquishment to become effective, a majority of the members of the county board of commissioners must approve the relinquishment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 395(1)(c)(ii) of the Drain Code, for the relinquishment to become effective, the governing body of the township that is to accept jurisdiction and control of the drain must approve the relinquishment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT, the Leelanau County Drain Commissioner does authorize the relinquishment of the Brewery Creek Drain to Elmwood Charter Township.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the relinquishment of the Brewery Creek Drain shall not become effective until approved by resolution of the governing body of Elmwood Charter Township and the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that upon relinquishment, the Drain Commissioner shall take all steps necessary to effectuate the same, including assigning all drain easements and/or rights-of-way, including drainage structures and related appurtenances to Elmwood Charter Township, executing all necessary contracts with the Elmwood Charter Township and all other steps proscribed in Section 395 of the Drain Code.

Drain Commission – GEI Consultants Contract Renewal:

#348-12172024 Regular Session

● TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH GEI CONSULTANTS OF MICHIGAN PENDING LEGAL REVIEW.

IT – Safety Net VMWARE Renewal:

#349-12172024 Regular Session

● TO APPROVE THE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (KNOWN AS THE LOWE NW2 REGIONAL MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE) BY-LAWS AS PRESENTED.

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension – 2025 Agreement for Extension Services:

#350-12172024 Regular Session

● TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION SERVICES FOR LEELANAU COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025, TO DECEMBER 31, 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,730.00 WITH PAYMENTS TO COME FROM ACCOUNT #101.615.257.801.000.

Planning – Materials Management Planning Committee By-Laws:

#351-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPROVE THE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (KNOWN AS THE LOWE NW2 REGIONAL MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE) BY-LAWS AS PRESENTED.**

Human Resources – Earned Sick Time Policy:

#352-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPROVE THE NEW COUNTY POLICY #08.04 EARNED SICK TIME ACT POLICY, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 8, 2025.**

Human Resources – County Policy 1.07 Update:

#353-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO ADOPT THE UPDATED PERSONNEL POLICY #1.07 TO INCLUDE THE EARNED SICK LEAVE ACT, POLICY #8.04, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 8, 2025.**

Administration – Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) 2025 Renewal:

#354-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY COVERAGE PROPOSAL FOR LEELANAU COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 21, 2025 TO JANUARY 1, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$258,480.00 AND APPROVE THE STOP LOSS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AS OUTLINED IN THE PROPOSAL, WITH PAYMENTS TO COME FROM ACCOUNT #101.830.871.954.000.**

Administration – 2025 Netlink Printer copier Maintenance Agreement:

#355-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO WAIVE ITS POLICY ON BID REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVE RENEWING THE SERVICE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH NETLINK FOR 2025 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$19,529.40.**

Administration – 2025 Proposed Non-Union Wage Schedule:

#356-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPROVE THE 2025 PROPOSED NON-UNION WAGE SCHEDULE PRESENTED REFLECTING IN A 3% INCREASE TO THE 2024 APPROVED NON-UNION WAGE SCHEDULE AS AMENDED AND THAT THIS SCHEDULE BE SUBJECT TO A “ME TOO” UPON RATIFICATION OF THE TEAMSTERS AND FOPLC CONTRACTS.**

Administration – Progressive AE – Amended Agreement:

#357-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRESSIVE AE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING THE LEELANAU TOWER PROJECT, AMENDING THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FROM \$5,300.00 TO \$7,800.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM ACCOUNT #101.100.101.967.000.**

Administration – Boards and Commissions Appointments – Committee of the Whole Recommendations:

Benzie/Leelanau District Health Department:

#358-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT DAVID QUIMBY TO THE BENZIE/LEELANAU DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

Benzie/Leelanau District Environmental Health Board of Appeals:

#359-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO REAPPOINT DON BARROWS TO THE BENZIE/LEELANAU ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF APPEALS, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:

#360-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO REAPPOINT DAVID KING TO THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

#361-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT CHRISTOPHER LOGAN TO THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

#362-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT KATHLEEN WIEJACZKA TO THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A PARTIAL THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

Construction Board of Appeals (CBOA):

#363-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT THOMAS VERSCHAEVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS, PLUMBING/MECHANICAL CATEGORY, FOR A PARTIAL FIVE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2028.**

#364-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT JULIUS BUNEK TO THE CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS, ELECTRICAL CATEGORY, FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2029.**

Leland Dam Authority:

#365-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO REAPPOINT GARTH GREENAN, AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LEELANAU COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, TO THE LELAND DAM AUTHORITY.**

Parks and Recreation Commission:

#366-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO REAPPOINT CHARLES GODBOUT AND KEITH BEDUHN TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

#367-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT MEL BLACK, AS THE LEELANAU COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION.**

#368-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT REBECCA BENEDICT TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

#369-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT JIM CARPENTER TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

Planning Commission:

#370-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT LOIS BAHLE, RECREATION CATEGORY, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

#371-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT SCOTT HEISER, FINANCE CATEGORY, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

#372-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO REAPPOINT MEL BLACK, REAL ESTATE CATEGORY, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, Stormwater Runoff BOA [Board of Appeals]:

#373-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO REAPPOINT ERIC LIND TO THE SOIL EROSION, SEDIMENTATION, AND STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL ORDINANCE BOA, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

#374-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT KATHY DAWKINS TO THE SOIL EROSION, SEDIMENTATION, AND STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL ORDINANCE BOA, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

Solid Waste Council:

#375-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO REAPPOINT ANDREW GALE TO THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

#376-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO REAPPOINT TOM PETERSON TO THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

#377-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT KATHY DAWKINS TO THE SOLID WASTE COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

Veterans Affairs Administrative Committee:

#378-12172024 Regular Session

- **TO REAPPOINT STEVE STANTON TO THE VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, TO A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL: Rexroat – YES; Ross – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – YES; Lautner – YES; O'Rourke – YES.

AYES – 6 NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Board of Commissioners – County Administrator Agreement:

Michigan Leadership Institute Chet Janik was present and explained the Late Addition. Janik answered Commissioner questions and corrected typos that were discussed within the document.

#379-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY ROSS THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE LEELANAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED IN THE LATE ADDITION TO THE BOARD PACKET AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY'S LEGAL COUNSEL. SECONDED BY REXROAT.

Discussion ensued.

ROLL CALL: Ross – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – YES; Lautner – YES; O'Rourke – YES; Rexroat – YES.

AYES – 6 NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Finance – BLDHD Early childhood Services Renewal Agreement:

Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt was present and explained the Agenda Item.

#380-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY ALLGAIER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH SERVICES FOR LEELANAU COUNTY BY THE BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025, TO DECEMBER 31, 2030, WITH FUNDS FROM FUND #280. SECONDED BY ROSS.

Discussion ensued.

AYES – 5 (Allgaier, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 1 (Lautner)

MOTION CARRIED.

Finance – Solutions For You – Contract Extension/Renewal:

Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt was present and explained the Agenda Item.

#381-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY ALLGAIER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE AN EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH SOLUTIONS FOR YOU, LLC, AS OUTLINED AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CONTRACT UPON REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY LEGAL COUNSEL. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Finance – Brownfield Authority – Leelanau County Resolution #2008-026:

Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt was present and explained the Agenda Item. Hartesvelt answered Commissioner questions and discussion ensued.

#382-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UPHOLD RESOLUTION #08-026 AND DIRECT THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO RECORD

THE PAYABLE TO LEELANAU COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF THE NET PROCEEDS AND CALCULATED INTEREST EARNED TO BE PAID BACK TO THE COUNTY WITH THE FOLLOWING TERMS: EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING IN 2025. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER/O’ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL: Rexroat – YES; Ross – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – YES; Lautner – YES; O’Rourke – YES.

AYES – 6 NO - 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Administration –Veterans Services – Contract with Grand Traverse County:
Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt was present and explained the Agenda Item.

#383-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEELANAU COUNTY AND GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS FROM JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2030, AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$56,618.00, IF SAID AGREEMENT IS THE DESIRE OF THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. THE PRIOR MOTION/BOARD ACTION ON THIS AGREEMENT FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2024, IS RESCINDED AND REPLACED BY THIS MOTION. SECONDED BY O’ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, O’Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Marijuana Operation and Oversight Grant:

Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt was present and explained the Agenda Item.

#384-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY ROSS THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THAT LEELANAU COUNTY PARTNER WITH BENZIE LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO WRITE THE GRANT APPLICATION AND APPLY FOR THE MARIJUANA OPERATION AND OVERSIGHT GRANT TO DEVELOP INITIATIVES, PROVIDE LOCKBOXES AND EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENCOURAGING SAFE STORAGE OF SUBSTANCES AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE APPLICATION. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 5 (Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Lautner, Rexroat)

NO – 1 (O’Rourke)

MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Wessell introduced newly appointed Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department Health Officer Daniel Thorell and requested Thorell join the presentation table. Thorell answered Commissioner questions and Commissioners thanked him.

Leelanau County Five-Year Community Parks and Recreation Plan Approval:

#385-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE 2025-2029 LEELANAU COUNTY FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN. SECONDED BY ROSS.

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 6 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Lautner, O’Rourke)
NO – 0**

MOTION CARRIED.

Review Of Financials:

Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt was present and answered questions.

Special Reports by Staff, Commissioners, and Affiliated Agencies:

None.

Public Comment:

The following individuals spoke in person: Chet Janik, Heather Duran, Steve Mikowski, and Steve Yoder.

Commissioner Comment:

Commissioner Lautner thanked audience member Chet Janik for his kind words. She explained there were ups and downs through her career and one of those highs was when Janik was hired as County Administrator.

Commissioner Rexroat commented it has been a privilege to work on this Board and that it is not an easy job. He thanked the Commissioners for their service and said there is a great board coming in.

Commissioner Ross stated that it has been an honor to serve the good people of Centerville and Leland Townships. She hopes that the new board makes decisions by taking into consideration the beauty of the natural resources and thinking seven (7) generations out. Ross continued that there are well informed citizens, who are engaged, listening and watching, and she wishes them the best.

Commissioner O’Rourke said one person, one day and one vote. He stated he has enjoyed this job tremendously and to remember that common sense knowledge is what is needed to this job.

Commissioner Allgaier thanked the Board for working together and for showing up. She thanked the audience members for their interest, showing up boring meetings and for speaking openly about their concerns.

Chairman Wessell thanked the Board for putting up with him as Chairman this last term. He thanked Commissioner Lautner for sometimes agreeing with him and that he would rather serve with somebody he can have disagreeable discussions with and know that we have looked at where all the problems are thanked her for all of her contributions.

Approval of Financials —

Amendments & Transfers:

#386-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #2024-016, #2024-017 AND #2024-018. SECONDED BY O’ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier)
NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

#387-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE FUND TRANSFER #2024-007. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier)
NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Miscellaneous Fund Transfers and Amendments:

None.

Claims and Accounts:

#388-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$415,802.57. SECONDED BY ROSS.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier)
NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Post Audit Claims and Accounts:

#389-12172024 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE POST AUDIT CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,099,340.40. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier)
NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

Chairman Wessell adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Ty Wessell, Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer L. Zywicki, Chief Deputy Clerk for
Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk