

The following had been read/paraphrased at the above BOC meeting. 1st Public Comment.

INFORMATION:

***Charles Knapp notice of funeral. He attended and spoke at Commission meetings.

***Jean Watkoski: County Commissioner 25 years ago publicly apologized for something BOC. A refreshing rarity for an elected public official!

SOME OBSERVATIONS/THOUGHTS:

County Board of Supervisors. Every County Twp Supervisor served on it. There were **NO elected County Commissioners!** Foolishly eliminated in the 1970's. Twp Supervisors would never have acted to cause county government to get so big/bureaucratic with harmful, expensive, non-essential & non-mandated stuff.

My Understanding: Elected Commissioners are required to take care of everything, including past & present as part of their fiduciary duty...

This commission has lots to do (with **ongoing \$\$\$** millions of jail/courthouse defects) per MCL 46.11 taking care of the people's business--no need to search for any **non-mandated/non-essential (personal)** goals. BOC must **FIRST** deal with the necessary **accounting** for prior BOC's/this BOC's **May 11, 2021** harmful **Clerk-Loathing** decision/continuation. **Your fiduciary duty requires an accounting to taxpayers.** Since then commissioners have been foolishly & recklessly wasting \$\$\$ hundreds of thousand or **TAXPAYERS'** on that political/immoral fiasco. We again request you approve that accounting immediately. If not, it appears you are unfit to serve & should not be elected again...

BOC's must periodically evaluate prior County decisions, millages, etc., as to need/necessity/justification/benefit. *(Forced to stop due to 3 minute time limit.)*

-----**Continued at 2nd public comment at end of meeting**-----

We are concerned with a "**per diem**" discussion for nearly **40 minutes!** Such activity indicates "**government by insanity**". It also raises questions as to:

- * Elected officials appear to want to get paid for everything in 'public service'...
- * What happened to the before-the-election candidates saying the want to do 'public service'?
- * We suggest that individuals unsure of what 'serving in public office' means **NOT** run for election for public office. (No one holds a gun to your head to run for public office!)

+++++Continuation of comments from the first Public Comment

That effort requires a Zero Based Budgeting approach. Seems odd that every year the \$15,000,000 budget is balanced with \$1.5 million of "planned" deficit/underspending...by relying on DTR funds... (Go to next page.)

Leelanau County BOC oddity/bad habit: Commissioners self-initiation of (personal?) unneeded costly projects THEY deem we must be taxed for. That is, the BOC unilaterally on its own--its self-annointed/self-appointed omniscience & omnipotence decides what's good for us? The BOC seems to foolishly acts to respond(?) to 'a handful' of special interest people who come to one or two meetings. **Even though Electors NEVER, lawfully petitioned the County to act on or establish any of the following:**

- 1995 Commission on Aging "The Millage from HELL." In 2019--only 57 means tested individuals qualified with county population of 22,000!
County electors NEVER lawfully petition for it!
- Bought Veronica Valley Park 1998 MNRTF money—with little concern for future cost and little use. Property owner made richer with Taxpayer Money.
County electors NEVER lawfully petition for it!
- 2002 Farmland Preservation Millage Millionaires' (Collins, Wellman, et al) **Denied** by electors
A millage TAX—removes property taxes from such property
County electors NEVER lawfully petition for it!
- 2020 Early Childhood Development A Millage Tax--Less than 100 means tested out of a county population of 22,000! Nearly 100 FedGov/StateGov programs already exist!
County electors did NOT lawfully petition for it!
- 1980 Northwest Mich. Council of governments (NWMCOG) Established a **shadow government**—its Board made up of one (1) BOC member of each of 10 counties. 9 years ago Gov. Snyder \$350,000 "grant" (extorted from taxpayers) to "reinvent" itself—now **NOT** accountable to nobody... unelected board with gold plated salaries/ bennies.
County electors NEVER lawfully petition for it!
- DTR: Delinquent Tax Revolving Funds An overspending piggy bank of overtaxed taxpayers money to **OVER**spend/**OVER**build (Jail/Courthouse wasting many \$7 million) and other BOC personal whims and fancies. It is not yours to keep and not lower taxes.
County electors NEVER lawfully petition for it.