

For Leelanau County Commission Board meeting Sept. 20, 2022. **For the public record.** 2022-09-21_lccmtg -2(3)
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*****We read ALL the below at the above meeting in its entirety at the first public comment period.*** --spm**

Leelanau County Commission action re County Clerk's functions/duties

(Better if those responsible initiated a lawful petition of the people to recall the Clerk--they know that would not succeed!)

At the May 11, 2021 Leelanau County Board of Commissioners' Executive Committee Meeting, the Commission acted to **remove the financial and human resources functions/duties from the County Clerk** absent any professional/legal reports demonstrating poor performance and/or allegations of wrongdoing. It was a 'late addition' item added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting by a newly (4 months) elected commissioner who merely implied that "something was not right" in the Clerk's office (Dept.).

Appears NO commissioner or administrator discussed **this issue** with the clerk beforehand! A **year later** some commissioners and administrator invited the clerk to a perfunctory meeting...to discuss **it**? Most people believe such commissioner behavior had the appearances of being an **uncharitable/immoral/unsavory/political loathing** for the clerk--a reckless action resulting in employee chaos and wasting of \$\$\$hundreds of thousands of taxpayer money.

Most Public officials with a properly formed conscience and a proper sense of ethics/morality wouldn't even think of proceeding with such a foolish action without any substantiation...

Four commissioners allowed themselves to be stampeded to approve this harmful action with alacrity. The rest of the Board agreed to go along for the clerk-**loathing** ride a week later. It also appears that **other** County **elected** officials directly or indirectly contributed to the clerk-**loathing** efforts of the commissioners' cabal (by filling a false police report)...

My thirty years of private sector employment experiences raises a question of how candidates for administrator would seek employment with such a dark record of commissioners ineptness on such a matter. It also seems odd that a soon-to-retain administrator chose* to work with the commissioners to execute the clerk-**loathing** fiasco? Perhaps it's because he had been allowed to function as the 8th unelected commissioner? Will the new administrator perform likewise?

Commissioners, administrator, others need to **apologize** to clerk and taxpayers to restore their integrity, character & credibility they've squandered? It appears your legacy will be forever stained unless you do so. Will the new administrator praise you for your bad decision and **NOT apologizing** for your clerk-**loathing** efforts...to allow* more chaos?

For Leelanau County Commission Board mtg. **September 21, 2022. For the public record.** 2022-09-21_lccmtg -1A(2)
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*****We made a general comment from the following note at SECOND Public Comment Period at end of above meeting:**

Why it is essential that Leelanau County Commission(ers) **apologize to the County Clerk and Taxpayers/Residents** for their **gross mishandling of the removal of the Finance and Human Resource Functions from the Clerk.** It must be the **first order of business at Sept. 21, 2022 Regular Board meeting.**

****We read ALL the below at the above meeting in its entirety at the 2 nd public period.**** --spm

EXCERPT from <barnhardt.biz> website article Sept. 18, 2022:

There are a few more points on the subject of **shame** that I would like to expand upon. The first comes from the novel "Brideshead Revisited", which demon-strates, ... how **shame** is a medicinal mercy. If we can self-generate **shame** with-out having to have it applied **from the exterior**, then so much the better. In fact, we pray for **shame**... *But for many people, the **shaming must be generated, at least initially, externally.*** This is a function of **charity - true charity**, not the inverted platitude consisting of indifference yielding permissiveness, or in giving people "free stuff", or just simply "what makes them feel good". No, **true charity is joy in the existence of another... Full stop.**

Grant Parsons letter to editor Traverse City Record-Eagle re kinder-garten class scheduling in TC Public schools **8/29/91—EXCERPT.** Presented at Leland Twp Board meeting 12/14/92.

"It takes leadership, intelligence, and a **deep sense of fairness** to carry out our government's primary task—to lead the community by listening to and learning from it. That task is much more difficult than deflection people of threatening their interests a criticism."

"Some will argue that is expensive and time consuming to encourage public involvement in government decision making, and some will argue that it is a sign of weakness to **reverse a prior decision.** Those arguments seem false, because government is **elected to serve as well as lead;** government should be expected to educate itself and to learn and when new knowledge justifies it, reverse itself for the public good."

With all our foregoing, info and request at LCC mtgs. of 8/29 & /30/22 we respectfully request that the Commission(ers) & other responsible elected officials **apologize to the Clerk and the People** for their gross mishandling by Commissioners/Others by removing Finance & Human resources functions/duties from the County Clerk. spm