

The "**Fraud**" definition read at first comment period at above meeting and:

(A) "A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep." --Saul Bellow

(B) We agree with previous speaker Mr. Keith Ashley's comments about the **terrible negative effects of the BOC's Clerk-Loathing** decision of May 11, 2021.

### **FRAUD**

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Commonly defined, **fraud is an act in which attempts are made to deceive with promises of goods, services, or financial benefits that do not exist, were never intended to be provided, or were misrepresented.**

**Fraud** is not, in general, dependent upon the application or threat of physical force or violence. **Before the fact, the victim is a willful, albeit unwary participant. It is after the fact, when less is delivered than promised, that person realizes that he or she has been victimized.**

**Fraud** differs from such crimes as robbery and larceny or theft. Robbery is taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear. Robbery is both a property crime and a violent crime. Larceny-theft is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession of another. This crime includes such actions as shop-lifting, pocket picking, purse snatching, and the like. It too is a property crime, but the use of force or fraud is absent.

=====**Additional information NOT READ at meeting**=====

**BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY, 6TH EDITION** --by spm

**Fraud** - An *intentional* perversion of the truth for the purpose of inducing another in reliance upon it to part with some **valuable thing belonging to him or to surrender a legal right**. A false representation of a matter of fact, whether by words or by conduct, by false or misleading allegations, **or by concealment of that which should have been disclosed**, which deceives and is *intended* to deceive another so that he shall act upon it to his legal injury. **Anything calculated to deceive**, whether by single act or combination, or by suppression of the truth, or suggestion of what is false, whether it be by direct false-hood, or innuendo, by speech or silence, word of mouth, or look or gesture. Suppression of the truth, and includes all surprise, trick, cunning, dissembling, and any unfair way by which another is cheated.

**Fraudulent** - Proceeding from or characterized by fraud; done, made, or effected with a purpose or design to carry out a fraud. A statement, or claim, or document is "fraudulent" if it was falsely made, or caused to be made with the *intent* to deceive. To act with "**intent to defraud**" means to act willfully, and with the specific intent to deceive or cheat; ordinarily for the purpose of either causing some either causing some financial loss to another, or bringing about some financial gain to oneself.

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The following comments read at the **second public comment period** at the above meeting. --spm

It is fascinating how commissioners, with their self ordained and self-anointed omniscience and omnipotence, struggle to recklessly justify wasting (stealing) taxpayers' money to train county employees when such training can better be performed in house with qualified people at less than half the cost of \$20,000.

We appreciate this Commission in dealing with establishing a much better qualified group of individuals to perform the duties of the Board of Public Works (BPW) - Seven Commissioners plus three(?) others... We recall how badly the County Commission & its BPW dealt with the LEELANAU COUNTY LELAND SYSTEM SEWER PROJECT...condemning sewer users for 10 years with 10-3/8 percent interest non-callable bonds of a 20 year bond payoff for an ill-concieved sewer project. We further recall Chairman Deering in a 1991 BOC meeting declaring that **even if the bonds cost \$50,000,000** he would still condemn sewer users to pay them off...! Tragically, an earlier BOC and it BPW (1968) secretly agreed--no public input--to have MDEQ perform a hydro study to use our 100 acre Provemont Pond Nature Area Park registered with the state for the sewer treatment plant, lagoon and drainfields... This violated the Twp General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The DEQ and EPA later acknowledged that they FAILED to consider 2 other acceptable sites!

It doesn't matter which party--Democrat or Republicans provide us taxpayers/people The Best Possible Least Cost Government. Commission CANNOT go on willy-nilly doing do **HARMFUL** things like the past **18 months** of BOC **Clerk-Loathing** we got...

spm